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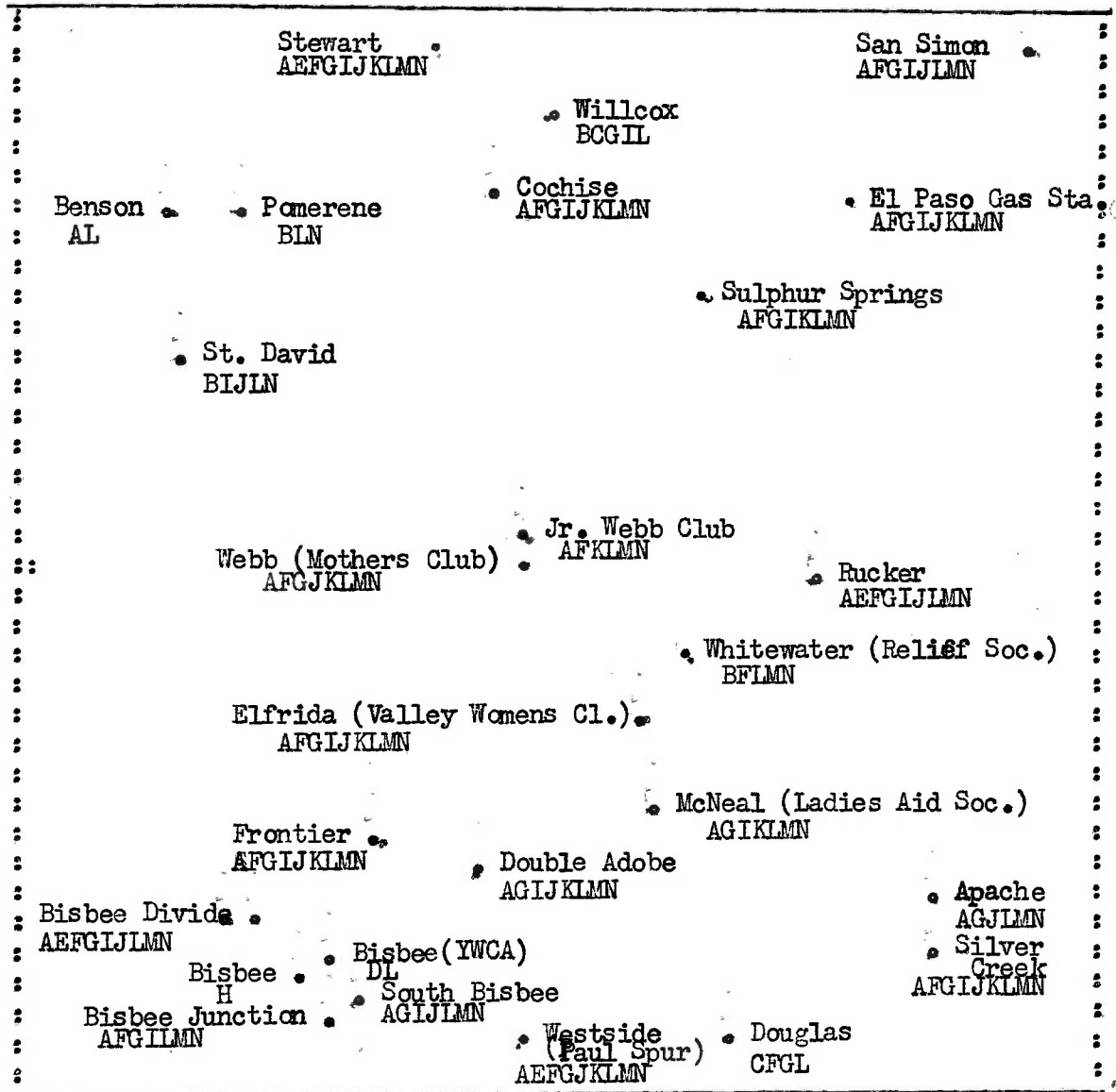
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MAP OF COCHISE COUNTY SHOWING ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR

COCHISE COUNTY



ADULT WORK

- A. Homemakers
- B. Relief Societies
- C. Federated Club
- D. Y.W.C.A.
- E. Country Life Conference
- F. County Council
- G. House and Furnishings

- H. Nutrition
- I. Food Preservation and Storage
- J. Food Selection and Preparation
- K. Other Health and Safety
- L. Clothing and Textiles
- M. Recreation and Community Life
- N. Fairs

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Report Summary - December 1, 1949 to November 30, 1950

Days spent in office	137
Days spent in the field	127 $\frac{1}{2}$
Days spent conducting work with adults	204 $\frac{1}{2}$
Days spent in Junior work	60

Adult work was carried on in 25 communities through 19 Homemakers Clubs, The House of Neighborly Service, 4 Relief Societies, 3 Federated Clubs, the Farmers Home Administration, Douglas and Bisbee Y.W.C.A., the Willcox Schools Willcox F.H.A. and individual contacts.

13 homemakers attended the Country Life Conference in Tucson, 65 attended the February County Council meeting and 61 attended the September Council meeting. 32 homemakers were at the countywide picnic, with a total of 90 in attendance. This was held at Rucker Canyon to celebrate National Home Demonstration Week.

93 method demonstrations were conducted by the Agent with a total of 1301 homemakers attending. There were 117 meetings conducted by leaders with a total of 1929 homemakers in attendance. 7 leaders training meetings were held with an attendance of 132.

All clubs were contacted individually and programs for 1950 were planned with those present.

Subject Matter

Clothing - Two main clothing projects were presented this year. These were: "Use of Sewing Machine Attachments" and "Selecting Clothing Accessories". 31 sewing machines were cleaned at six clinics. A Leader Training Meeting was held at the end of the year on making purses.

House Furnishings - "Room Arrangements" was the major project in this field. One month was devoted to this lesson. Wood refinishing workshops were planned but cancelled until next year.

Food Preservation and Storage - 25 pressure canner lids were tested. Two schools were held on Freezing with emphasis on freezing cooked foods. 40 women attended these.

Food Selection and Preparation - 15 communities were reached with the lesson on "Making Better Use of Cooking Equipment". A meal was prepared using the Broiler, Waffle Iron, and Pressure Sauce Pan.

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Health and Safety - Each club chose it's own health topic this year. Cancer Control was emphasized through talks given by representatives who attended a Cancer School in Phoenix. One woman represented the County Homemakers at this school. Two clubs had ten-minute talks on health at each meeting.

Home Beautification - The three result demonstration plots were checked by Mr. Harvey F. Tate, Extension Horticulturist, and the Agent.

A total of 158 home visits were made to 85 different homes. There were 759 office calls and 233 telephone calls received. 22 news articles were published and 20 radio broadcasts made. 2305 bulletins were distributed.

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EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

Organization

Four new clubs were organized this year. These were Rucker, South Bisbee, Junior Webb and Benson. The Rucker women had asked for help last year and reported in December that they had been holding meetings and had held an election of officers. They are a small group and require quite a bit of travel to reach them but they are working out many of their programs themselves. The South Bisbee group contacted the Agent last year also. In February they asked for help in organizing. This is a group of miners wives and it is most difficult to hold their interest. They nearly quit this fall, but decided to try it again.

In March a request came to the Agent to help organize a group of young married women in the Elfrida district. These women desired many of the projects that have been given the last few years in the other clubs there. Presidents of the Valley Women's Club and Webb Mothers Club were asked to attend a meeting to discuss how this problem could be met. Mrs. Lydia Saylor, president of the Webb Mothers Club, attended and offered to make this group a Junior division of her Club. This was later voted upon by both groups and carried. The Agent has only met with them once. It is hoped that they can draw much of their help for project work from the older Club.

In September a Benson woman contacted the Agent about organizing a club in that community. The Agent wrote explaining the Extension Work to them and emphasized the need for good local leaders. They contacted the Agent at the County Fair and reported that they had organized. The president of this Club has been a member of a Home Bureau Unit in the midwest and seems to know how to make an Extension Club work. The Agent has not been able to attend a meeting of this group yet, but they sent leaders to the Clothing Accessories leader training meeting in November.

The group at Coronado Courts in Douglas decided not to organize a club. Two of the women most interested are now members of the Westside Club.

Some of the Stewart and Webb Mothers Clubs discussed the possibility of withdrawing as a Homemakers Club. They decided, however, to try it awhile longer. In both cases it is the Agent's opinion that they need stronger project leaders to carry the load when the Agent is not there.

1. Club Planning

The Agent met with each club, either in December or January and helped them plan their programs for the year. Program planning sheets and club year books were used and the county program and special events were listed on them. After this was done the clubs discussed the use of the Loan Kits and other devices for filling in their own programs. They were then filled in, in most cases. Last year this part of the planning was left up to the clubs to decide later, and nothing was done about it. At two of these meetings the Agent was able to observe the clothing leaders demonstrating to their club. As a result of this observation,

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it became more apparent than ever that the leaders need help in planning their part in the program. They had not practiced the work at all and were not sure of themselves as they gave the lesson.

In helping the clubs plan their program the Agent found that some of the clubs asked that a month or two be kept open so that they could work in some of their own ideas on those months. Other clubs did not ask for this and seemed to be at a loss as to what to do on months that there was to be no county program. Others were indifferent at the time of the planning. Committees were either appointed or volunteers accepted for five fields - Clothing, Foods, Home Management and Furnishings, Health, and Recreation.

All in all, though, this program planning has been a very worthwhile venture. The women all participated in the planning and seemed to take a much greater interest than before.

The Bisbee Junction woman had written that they were not interested in planning, they wanted to do something. After the meeting started, however, they were quite interested in it and worked in some things they had been wanting to do for some time. Otherwise, if no program had been planned, they would no doubt have passed up some meeting dates if the Agent was not scheduled to be there. They were not able to carry out all of these plans but this did help to hold them together better.

2. Community Planning

On March 13 the Agent met with Miss Jean M. Stewart, State Home Demonstration Leader, Mr. Howard Baker, Assistant Director, Mrs. Kenneth L. McKee, State Leader of 4-H Club Work, and the County Agent to discuss County Program Planning. Plans were made to work in the Double Adobe, McNeal, and Elfrida vicinities first.

The Agent attended this community program planning meeting at McNeal on May 9th with the County Agent, Miss Jean M. Stewart, State Leader of Home Demonstration Work, Mr. H. R. Baker, Assistant Director of Agricultural Extension Service. This was the first of this type of meetings for this county. Each of the extension staff outlined to those present the purpose of such a meeting. The Agent outlined the Homemakers and 4-H Club part in community program planning to date and for the future. This was meant to bring out home and young people's needs as well as the farm and ranchers needs.

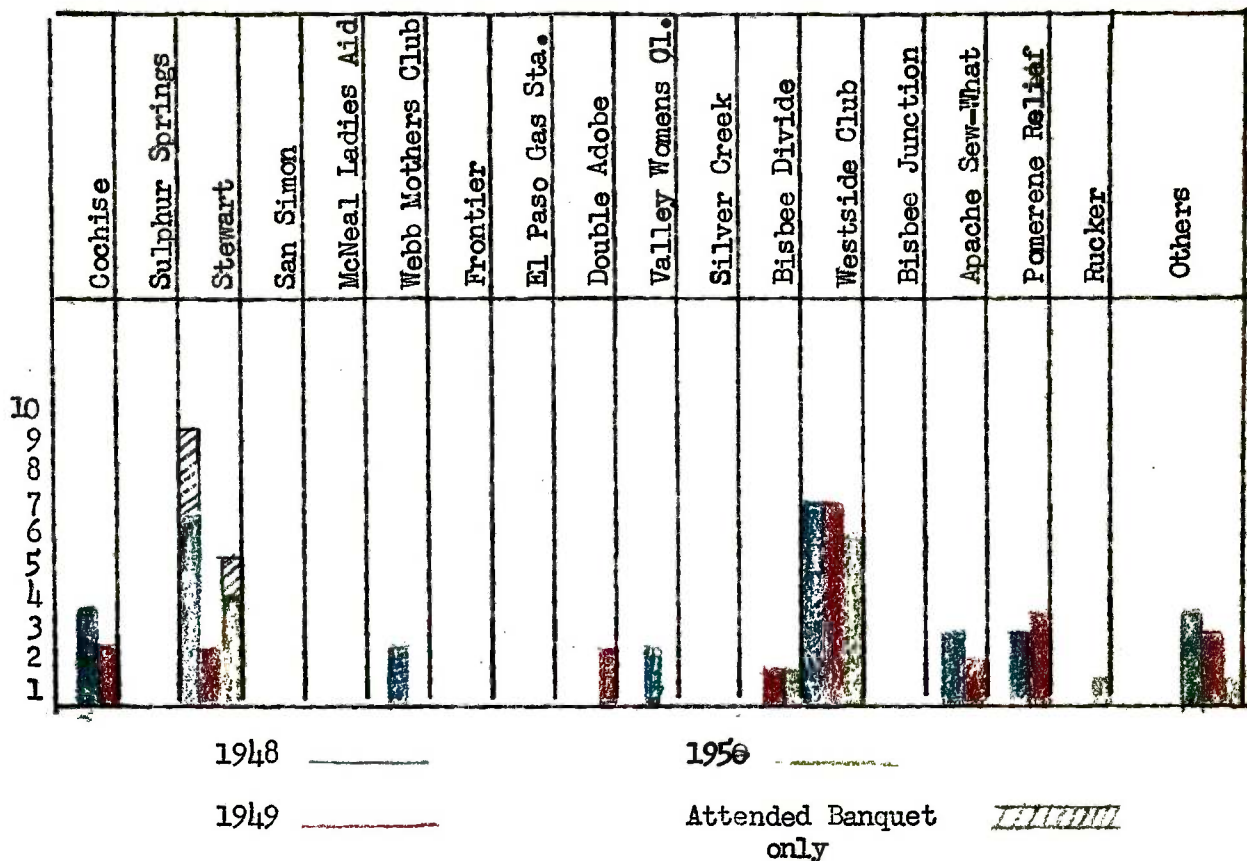
Only three problems were suggested that directly affected the Homemakers. These are (1) Consolidation of 4-H Clubs in McNeal; (2) How to hold interest of 4-H members and parents in 4-H project completions, and (3) Schools and information on freezing foods and cooking frozen foods. Another problem, "Home Beautification" could very well be a part of the Homemaker's program as well as the men's program.

The request for information on the freezing of foods was answered through the use of bulletins and a freezing school held early in September.

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Country Life Conference

A total of 13 women attended the Conference this year from April 10 to 13. This compares to a total of 20 for last year and 30 for the year before. The chart below shows the attendance by clubs for the past three years.



Cochise County women do not seem to be able to attend the Conference at this time of the year.

The highlights of this Conference were:

1. Living in Arizona
2. Talk by Dr. Edith Lord on Child Care
3. The Special Interest Classes (5 in all)
 - a. Skills in Living with People
 - b. Applied Design in the Home
 - c. Conducting your club meeting
 - d. Changes that take place at Different Ages in Physical and Emotional Growth of the Child
 - e. Recreation for club and family

The Agent assisted with the class on applied design in the home. This was conducted by Frances D. Richards of the University of Arizona, Art Department. All of the women who attended the class were asked to create a picture with crayons. Many of the women surprised themselves with very artistic designs.

County Homemakers Meet Monday Is Well Attended

Many County Women at— Country Life Conference

Fourteen Cochise County women attended the banquet Wednesday night, April 12, which climaxed the Country Life Conference on the University of Arizona Campus at Tucson. Dorothy Wittenburg of Casa Grande, toastmistress at the banquet, introduced the guests. Mrs. Eva Grant Kuschel of Willcox, a member of the Stewart Homemakers, presented one of her original talks during the program that followed.

This was the seventh annual Conference held for the rural women of Arizona. 150 women from all over the state registered Monday afternoon and checked out on Thursday morning after breakfast. On Tuesday morning at the General Assembly the women were introduced to several of the University personnel. Among these were John L. Anderson, Comptroller, who told them "What it Costs to Send a Girl or Boy to the University," and a Scholarship discussed by Oliver K. Garretson, College of Education.

At the General Assembly that afternoon the women heard from Clara Lee Tanner, Anthropologist, on "Early Homemaking in Arizona." Mrs. Evelyn Perkins of Chino Valley told of "Family Life on the Ranch," and Chas. U. Pickrell, Director of Agricultural Extension Service, discussed the interest that the Extension Service takes the Life on the Farm and Ranch.

The County Reports were presented in the form of short demonstrations, showing one subject that the women had studied during the past year. Cochise County women chose to demonstrate the "Use of the Sewing Machine Attachments" and those presenting it were Mrs. R. L. Whitlow, Mrs. Nathan Johnson, and Mrs. Gene Hannum of Douglas, Mrs. Ada Christian-

sen, Paul Spur, and Mrs. Lois Neal of Willcox.

Dr. Edith Lord, State Supervisor of Mental Hygiene, State Department of Public Health, highlighted the program Wednesday morning with a talk called "Growing Up Emotionally Your Child from 10 to 15." She also had charge of one of the five classes that were held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 12:15. Dr. Lord was well liked and several of the women have requested that she be invited to speak to community and county groups. Some interesting highlights of the 4-H program. These were accompanied with pictures of various 4-H Events.

Wednesday afternoon the women were entertained with a program of books and music. After this there were tours to San Xavier Mission, Agricultural Building, and the State Museum.

More Classes
The women registered in only one of the five classes and attended it on Tuesday and Wednesday. Many of the women commented on how hard it was to make a choice and asked that there be more class periods another year so that they could enroll in two classes. The classes offered this year were, Skills in Living With People, Applied Design in the Home, Conducting Your Club Meeting, Changes That Take Place at Different Ages in Physical and Emotional Growth of the Child, Recreation for Club and Family.

Those attending this Conference from Cochise County were Mrs. Mae Baldridge, Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Ada Christiansen of Paul Spur, Mrs. Carl Brown of Warren, Mrs. Jessie Hewlett of Rucker Canyon, Mrs. R. L. Whitlow, Mrs. F. F. Schmidt, Mrs. Phil Nowlin, Mrs. Gene Hannum, Mrs. Nathan Johnson all of Douglas, Mrs. Lois Neal, Mrs. H. L. Ellis, Mrs. Claude Kuhn, Mrs. Minnie Nordhus, and Mrs. Eva G. Kuschel of Willcox.

Every Homemaker club in Cochise county was represented at Willcox when the Eighth County Council was held here Monday, Feb. 27 in the Woman's Club building. The women were greeted by Mrs. Jack Neal, president of the group. Mrs. Mae Baldridge, Home Demonstration Agent, explained the group method of working and assigned the various leaders to their places in the club building.

Mrs. Phil Nowlin brought back the summary from the president's group, Mrs. May Smith reported for the secretary-treasurer group, Mrs. Johnson gave a summary of the project leader's forum while Marie Schroeter gave a summary of the work discussed with the reporters.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served with the Stewart Homemakers acting as hostesses.

At the afternoon session Miss Jean Stewart spoke on the seventh Country Life Conference at Tucson which is to be held April 10 through 13. Mrs. Baldridge discussed with the women the methods of making exhibits at the annual county fair. A committee of four was appointed to work on the problem of prizes.

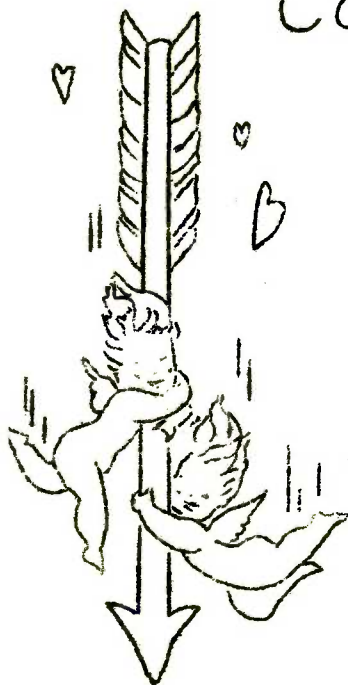
A report was read from Mrs. Alice Whitlow of the West Side club on her trip to the National Home Demonstration Club Convention held in Colorado Springs, Colo., at which there were more than 2500 delegates from 39 states, Washington, D. C., Hawaii, Germany and England.

Mrs. William Reddin, Gunnison, Colo., president of the club of which she is a member, was a guest at the meeting, addressing the women on the National Convention.

Mrs. Marguerite Cook, Mrs. Eva Kuschel and Mrs. Rachel Davis gave readings and Mrs. Ruby Ogden sang a song during the program hour. A recorded talk by Amy Kelly, state home demonstration leader of Missouri, closed the day's activities.

PROGRAM

Eighth Cochise County Council



February 27, 1950

Willcox, Arizona

ORDER OF THE DAY

Registration

10:00 a.m. - General discussion of purpose of meeting

10:15 a.m. - Officer and Project training discussion
groups

<u>Group</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Presidents & Vice-Presidents	Miss Jean M. Stewart
Secretaries & Treasurers	Mrs. Ada Christiansen
Reporters	Mrs. Ruth Mellonbruch
Project Leaders	Mrs. Mae Baldrige

11:45 a.m. - Reports from discussion groups

12:00 - 1:00 Potluck Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Business Meeting

Roll Call by Clubs

Minutes of last meeting

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

New Business

2:00 p.m. - Reading - Rachel Davis

Reading - Marguerite Cook

Song - Ruby Ogden

Reading - Eva G. Kuschel

Talk by Amy Kelly (Recorded)

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The club reports were quite interesting and stimulated more interest in tailoring in this county. The women came back with more definite plans for making this a county program another year. The Cochise County report was given by Mrs. R. L. Whitlow, Mrs. Nathan Johnson, and Mrs. Gene Hannum of Douglas, Mrs. Ada Christiansen of Paul Spur, and Mrs. Lois Neal of Willcox. They demonstrated the lesson on use of Sewing Machine Attachments. Unfortunately they had not practiced with the machine they used and the attachment they attempted to demonstrate was broken. This was a good lesson, however, for they were determined to study and plan for a much better report another year.

County Council

Two Council meetings were held during the year.

The spring County Council was held in Willcox on February 27th. Mrs. Lois Neal, the president, presided. The Council Program was as follows:

Discussion group meetings

Presidents and Vice-Presidents - Miss Jean M. Stewart, chairman

Secretaries - Mrs. Mae Schmidt, chairman

Reporters - Mrs. Ruth Mellonbruch, Editor, Arizona Range News, Chairman

Project Leaders - Home Demonstration Agent, chairman

Reports of discussion groups

Potluck Lunch

Business meeting

Reading - Mrs. Rachel Davis

Reading - Mrs. Marguerite Cook

Song - Mrs. Ruby Ogden

Reading - Mrs. Eva G. Kischel

Recorded talk by Amy Kelly (Guest speaker at Country Life Conference last year)

During the discussion group meetings the women gave their own ideas as to their duties. These were added to a list of suggested duties, which were mimeographed and handed out to everyone present.

Lunch was planned by the Stewart Homemakers. The clubs near Willcox furnished the main dishes and they asked the other clubs to furnish either salads or desserts. It was fairly evenly divided - some clubs furnishing one and some the other. The women stated afterwards that they liked this method very much.

During the business meeting the women discussed plans for National Home Demonstration Week, the County Fair, and the Certificate of Achievement. A Fair Committee was appointed to set up standards for clubs to follow in setting up exhibits. These on this committee were Mrs. Mae Schmidt of Douglas, Mrs. W. D. Wear, Sr. of Cochise, Mrs. Chas. Hall of Bisbee Junction, and Mrs. Emma Frey of Frontier. The Stewart Homemakers were presented the Certificate of Achievement for 1949.

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Mrs. Evelyn Hall resigned from the 4-H Committee and Mrs. Agnes Spencer of Cochise was appointed to take her place.

The fall Council meeting was held at the Elfrida High School Gymnasium with an attendance of 61. Mrs. Neal, President, presided at the meeting. The Agent outlined to the women her load and division of work. Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, outlined the clothing situation for the next year. Miss Lorene Edwards of Tucson explained how rural people could obtain Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance.

The main purpose of the Council meeting was program planning. Four discussion groups were established. Leaders for these had been selected earlier and they were given copies of the past year's recommendations and a list of thought-provoking questions to stimulate the discussion. These groups worked awhile before lunch and then again after lunch. They were then asked to select two problems in each project field. After these selections were made by the four groups, they were all called together and voted upon their recommendations. Those problems receiving the greatest number of votes will be the ones to appear on next year's program. These were: Tailoring, Buying Fabrics, Stretching the Food Dollar, Diets for Overweight and Underweight, and Better Lighting. They decided to try working the Health selections in as individual club lessons - not on a county basis.

Nine Homemakers Clubs and one Relief Society were represented. These were Bisbee Divide, Cochise, El Paso Gas Station, Rucker, Stewart, Valley Womens Club, Webb Mothers Club, Junior Webb Club, Westside Club, and Whitewater Relief Society. No letter of reminder was sent this time. The County Circular Letter which went out on August 24th had complete details of the meeting in it, and it was decided at the officers meeting that this would be sufficient.

Since nearly half of the clubs were not represented at the Council meeting it would seem that another reminder should have been sent, at least to the club presidents. So far, the officers in charge of the Council meetings have been lax about requiring a specific number of votes from each club represented. This should be brought out at the next Council meeting and a system worked out so that each club has the same number of votes.

The new officers selected at the business meeting were: President, Mrs. Ada Christiansen; Vice-President, Mrs. Katie Olson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Pat Nowlin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Thelma Flannary; and Treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Hewlett. These officers asked the Agent to meet with them and outline the policies of the Extension Council and their duties as officers. This meeting was held on September 29. The Constitution and By-Laws were read and discussed. Several problems were discussed and the corresponding secretary was asked to write to all of the club presidents, giving them a list of the recommendations made at this meeting. Among these were the following: (1

- (1) All clubs to hold elections of officers in November and new officers take office at January meeting. If elections have already been held, those new officers are asked to stay in until January of 1952.
- (2) The Council would like to have a Council Song and each club is asked to make recommendations.

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- (3) Each club is asked to present an exhibit of club projects or a scrap book at the next Council meeting.
- (4) The next Council meeting will be in Willcox on February 26, 1951.
- (5) The clubs are to be asked to participate in sending gifts to the Tucson veterans Hospital and in making U. N. Flags.
- (6) Each club is asked to present recommendations on a set of Council goals at the next meeting. Samples from another county will be used to help suggest these.

A tentative program for the February meeting was established.

The lunch was a potluck type again, with half of the County bringing salads and the other half bringing desserts. The Elfrida Clubs furnished the main dishes, coffee and rolls.

PROGRESS REPORT SENT WITH LETTER TO CLUB PRESIDENTS

Also used at Fall Council meeting by Program Planning chairman

CLOTHING

Recommendations

Progress 1950

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| 1. Accessories | How to make belts, purses or hats out of leather, felt or plastic. Scheduled for September by Agent, October to be given by leaders. |
| 2. Materials - How to purchase, clean or wash | * |
| 3. Use of Sewing Machine Attachments | 2 leader training meetings held in Willcox and Douglas. 24 adult leaders representing 13 communities and 2 4-H leaders attended.
3 given by Agent at St. David, Pomerene and Bisbee. Whitewater leader attended Webb meeting and gave to club. Bisbee Junction leader attended Bisbee meeting and gave to club. |
| 4. Tailoring Interest | Report to be made on interest by Clothing leaders at September 1950 Council. |

Special Interest

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Stenciling | No report |
| 2. Sewing Machine Clinics | 3 clinics held by Agent, 1 by Doris Davis at South Bisbee - 23 machines.
Silver Creek Club worked out own program. |
| 3. Pottery Making | * |
| 4. Tin Can Craft | * |
| 5. Cane Weaving | Aluminum trays made at Bisbee Junction and Bisbee Divide. |

FOODS and NUTRITION

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| 1. Food Preparation using electric roaster, well, mixer and broiler | Making Better Use of Cooking Equipment. Used broiler, waffle iron, and pressure sauce pan in 16 local groups. |
| 2. Pack Lunch | * |

Special Interest

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| 1. Outdoor Meals | * |
| 2. Freezing | 2 meetings held for all those interested in early September. |
| 3. Canner Gage Testing | 2 clinics held and newspaper story stated that gages would be tested at other meetings and County Office.

Use of Jelmeter - 5 meetings held on this subject. |

* Indicates topic not selected for 1950 Program.

HOME MANAGEMENTRecommendationsProgress 1950

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| 1. Principles of Room Arrangement | Given in 15 clubs. |
| 2. Color in the Home | * |
| 3. Room Arrangement | Combined with #1. |
| 4. Better Lighting | * |
| 5. Good Taste in Furnishings | * |

Special Interest

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| 1. Methods of Homemaking for Junior Homemakers | * |
| 2. Outwitting the Dollar | San Simon, Cochise and Frontier held local meetings on Family Expenditure in October and November 1949. Frontier scheduled for one more meeting. |
| 3. Wood Refinishing Work meetings | Scheduled for summer 1951, postponed. |
| 4. Loan Kits | Utility Room Kits borrowed by Double Adobe in July. |
| Re-Upholstering | Special interest group meetings held in Elfrida and Bisbee Junction. Bisbee YWCA has requested it. |

HEALTH and CIVIC NEEDS

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| 1. Appoint Health Chairman in each club and county committee for cancer and medical examinations | County Committee appointed at September 1949 Council. Each club appointed health chairman. Mrs. M. M. Dawson represented county at Cancer School in Phoenix. 4 meetings held at Willcox, Cochise, McNeal, and Elfrida, showing cancer films. Local clubs holding one health meeting during the year with chairman in charge. |
| 2. Each Club hold 10-minute review on health at each meeting | Silver Creek reports holding this review each month. 3 or 4 others report this occasionally. |
| 3. Appoint Library Committee to see Miss Jennie Welcome on book lists and use of city library | Committee appointed by Council. No report. |
| 4. Take interest in assisting teachers in programs | * |
| 5. Take definite action to plan interesting and timely meetings, especially for young mothers | Special means to entertain children at meetings planned by Valley Womans Club, El Paso Gas Station. Care of children studied at El Paso Gas Station by Loan Kit. |

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CLUB EXHIBIT AT COUNTYWIDE PICNIC - 1950



----- Webb Mothers Club Exhibit

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Krug exhibiting some of Club's handiwork.



Bisbee Divide Exhibit -----

Mrs. Flannary and Mrs. Bearmore displaying articles to be sent to Arizona Children's Home.

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Miscellaneous

1. National Home Demonstration Week

The Agent worked with the editor of the Willcox newspaper on a special recognition issue for National Home Demonstration Week. Pictures of the State Extension Staff were published with a short paragraph of information about each. The publication on National Home Demonstration Week was used for several stories. Some of these stories were localized with statistics from last year's annual report.

At the spring Council meeting it was decided to highlight National Home Demonstration Week with a countywide picnic. It was also suggested that each club set up a card table exhibit at this picnic. This exhibit was to take the place of a Club or County Achievement Day.

The picnic was held in Rucker Canyon on May 7th and Mrs. John Saylor and Mrs. J. B. Russell were appointed at the Council meeting to make all necessary arrangements. The Agent wrote to these women and asked that they post signs on the road so everyone would be sure to find the right spot.

Thirty-two Homemakers and their families, totaling 90 in all, attended the picnic. These represented 8 clubs. After lunch two clubs set up an exhibit. One was of some crocheting and other handwork by members of the Webb Mothers Club. The other exhibit was set up by the Bisbee Divide Club. They displayed a quilt and a child's dress that they had made for the Arizona Children's Home.

A round table discussion was conducted on the County Fair plans. All clubs were in favor of a non-competitive exhibit this year with the exception of the Frontier Club. It was decided to try this method this year and see how it works out.

2. Home Economics Careers

The Agent was asked to speak during the F.H.A. and Gentian Club annual dinner meeting on April 27th. The topic chosen was "Home Economics Careers." The girls were told that they are at a very important crossroads, with three roads to choose from, Careers, higher education, or marriage. Four or five girls were wearing diamonds already, so it was evident they had chosen their road. Those going to college were told of the many advantages to enrolling in Home Economics and the vast number of jobs available after graduation.

3. Schools and Conferences attended

Country Life Conference, April 10 - 13 - Tucson
Food Preservation School, May 22 - 26 - Tucson

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Fairs

Cochise County Fair

Mr. E. C. Hill, Sr. was hired as the manager of the County Fair this year. He resigned the first of June and Mr. Charles Fritts was appointed. Recommendations had been sent to Mr. Hill for several changes in the premium list and most of these were accomplished. In spite of the great amount of work left for him to do, Mr. Fritts was able to have the Fair Catalogs published and ready to distribute by August 21st. This was nearly a month earlier than they were published last year.

The Agent worked with the various department chairmen in planning publicity for their departments. At a Fair Board meeting of Superintendents on September 23rd exhibit areas were allotted. Mrs. W. D. Wear, Sr., chairman of the club exhibits, checked over each club's plans so that they would comply with all requirements, and helped them select their exhibit booths. The Bisbee Divide Club had presented their plans on paper at the Fall Council meeting, as had been asked of all the clubs. As a result they had no difficulty in deciding upon materials and props needed for their exhibit. Other clubs had a little difficulty in making this decision. The Webb Mothers Club decided at the last minute to enter an exhibit and they had to do quite a bit of last minute planning in order to meet the requirements that had been set up.

These requirements were planned by the Agent and Mrs. Wear, and sent to the rest of the Fair committee for approval or corrections. None were made so these requirements were then sent to the president of each club.

The Cochise County Fair was held at the Bisbee-Douglas Airport on October 6, 7, and 8. This year the Fair was held in three buildings, all hangars, but quite a bit smaller than the one used previously. The livestock was housed in one hangar; the office, educational, art and some commercial exhibits, in another hangar; and the agriculture and horticulture, domestic arts, domestic science, 4-H, Homemakers Club exhibits, and some commercial exhibits in the other hangar.

Mr. August Kronsberg, carpenter, did a wonderful job in supplying shelving and partitions for everyone. Although, the space was limited, the exhibits were well displayed, and those working with them did a good job. Mrs. Mary Jane Patterson, chairman of the Domestic Science Department, and Mrs. Dave Ingman, chairman of the Domestic Arts Department, had lots of workers. The two women had made out time schedules for periods that their workers had volunteered. There was no feeling of a rigid control over them and yet they came and worked as needed. The Domestic Arts display room was very hot and was quite uncomfortable at times. Perhaps, if these same buildings are to be used again, better facilities can be planned for them.

Judges for the Domestic Arts Department were Mrs. Flossie Barmis and Mrs. Alice Hill of Casa Grande. Judge for the Domestic Science Department was Miss Mariel Hopkins, Yuma. These same women judged the 4-H Home Economics Department. Judging was started about 3:00 p.m. on Thursday on the canned goods, and immediately afternoon Thursday on the Domestic Arts. The judges worked until

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nearly 10:00 p.m. to finish the Domestic Arts Department so that these articles could be displayed the next morning. Judging on the 4-H exhibit began at noon on Friday and was completed that evening.

Six of the Homemakers Clubs set up club exhibits. They were much better than at any other time. If any criticism could be made it should be on the lack of explanatory posters. In many cases the onlooker had to use the imagination to determine the meaning back of the exhibits. The County Fair Commission gave the women \$80.00 for their club exhibits and this was divided evenly among the six groups. These exhibits were set up along one wall and Mr. Kronsberg partitioned off the area into six equal booths, approximately 10 x 12 feet each.

By far the best exhibit was the one set up by the Bisbee Divide Club. This booth won the popular appeal vote, too. As will be remembered, this was the only club who turned in a plan of their exhibit on paper to Mrs. Wear, chairman. Their theme was their community activity, making articles for the Arizona Children's Home. One eye-catching poster at the back said "You Can Help A Needy Child Too," with a painting of a child above it. On one side was a poster listing the things they had sent to the Children's Home and on the other side was a poster telling how all of the articles had been made out of scraps and feed sacks. The articles displayed were well arranged and not too many to make a cluttered display. There were stuffed toys, garments and bed covers.

The Cochise Homemakers had a booth called "Mi-Lady's Wardrobe Around the Clock." Each woman had made a garment and these were displayed on "T" shaped dress forms. They had pajamas, robes, day dresses and evening dresses.

The Webb Mothers exhibit was called "The Farm Woman's Workshop - Her Kitchen." In the kitchen they displayed canning, aprons, tea towels, etc. that the woman had made. They had borrowed kitchen furniture and equipment from a Douglas store for their props.

The Westside Club displayed Christmas gifts made in the home. A Christmas tree stood in the center of the display table and wrapped and unwrapped gifts were piled around it. Unwrapped gifts were also hung on the side walls of the booth. They had planned to string streamers from the wrapped packages to the unwrapped articles but this was not done. A traffic accident happened the morning that this exhibit was set up and the women did not get everything done that they had planned. Mrs. Lois Hannum, Chairman of this booth, and her 3½ year old daughter were on their way to the fair grounds with a car load of exhibit materials when they were involved in an accident with a car from Willcox. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parks were in the Willcox car and were badly injured, as was Mrs. Hannum and her daughter. The child died the next day. Somehow or other the "Merry Christmas" bells that greeted one at this exhibit seemed but a mockery, and still, they carried with them a much finer feeling that Christmases come and go with their joys and heartaches, and yet our work must go on no matter what happens.

The Frontier Club had the Arizona Children's Home as their theme too. They displayed a doll house with "Arizona Children's Home" written over the doorway. A toy Santa seemed to be directing the display of stuffed toys to the Children's Home. Later these toys were sent to the Home by the Frontier Homemakers.

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The Junior Webb group wanted to base their exhibit around a lovely Chinese Ming Tree that one of the women owned. They called their booth "Arm-Chair Travel Bureau," and had several travel folders on a shelf just below the sign. Then on the floor were several ming trees that the women had made and a sign telling us to visit exotic China and see their craft hobby - the Ming Tree.

Before the women had a chance to forget the entries they had in the Domestic Science and Domestic Arts Departments, the Agent went over these as listed in the fair book with Mrs. Mary Jane Patterson and Mrs. Ingman. Recommendations were made for adding some entries and crossing out others. These recommendations will be presented to the Fair Board for consideration before the next year's fair books are published.

The Agent was superintendent of the 4-H Home Economics Department, so quite a bit of time was spent in planning and taking care of this exhibit area.

St. David Community Fair

The Agent attended the Community Fair at St. David with the County Agent and judged the women's work. There had been a great amount of interest in the Fair up to about a week before it was held. There was an explosion at the powder factory, killing two people and this seemed to dampen everyone's spirits. There was only about one-half the usual amount of exhibits, as a result.

The Agent was pleased to note the improvement in the exhibits. Comments are always made during the judging and the work showed that these had been heeded. This was particularly noted on the selection of colors for decorative stitches and edgings on household articles.

Judging at Greenlee County Fair

The Agent judged the Domestic Science Department at the Greenlee County Fair on October 13.

State Fair

Mrs. Mary Jane Patterson assisted Mr. Charles Fritts in setting up the State Fair Exhibit this year. A truck picked up these articles at special gathering points and hauled them to the Fair. The County Agent's Office was used as one of the gathering points. There were not as many entries from this county as there has been in the past.

A side view of the Homemakers Club Exhibits
at Cochise County Fair - 1950



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Information Program

Circular Letters

A County Circular Letter was sent to the homemakers, five newspapers, and two radio stations each month. This letter is sent out near the end of the month and highlights the events to happen during the next month, such as the project for the month, the schedule of club meetings, household hints, and bulletins. A sample of the circular letter is enclosed.

News Articles Sent to Newspapers and Radio Stations

- January -- Report of two adult clothing leaders' training meetings
Report of two 4-H leaders' training meetings held in 4-H Clothing
- February 20 - Announcement of the County Council of Homemakers' meeting
- March - Story on Country Life Conference
- April - A report of 4-H Contest Days in Cochise County
Cochise County Homemakers at Country Life Conference
- May - Countywide Homemakers Picnic in Rucker Canyon
- June - Cochise County Winnings at 4-H Roundup
Regarding Pressure Canner Gage Testing
"The Milky Way - Powdered"
"Dry Land Baking"
- July - "Troublesome Problem in Home Canning"
"Precautions That Pay"
"Safe for Children"
- August - Announcement of Demonstrations on Freezing Foods
- September- "Heat and Nourishment"
"Freezing Corn"
"Ninth Homemakers' Council"
"Dress Revue at County Fair"
- October - "Hallowe'en Safety"
"4-H Achievement Day"
- November- "Clothing Leaders' Training Meetings"

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Radio Broadcasts

- December - Mrs. Ada Christiansen and Mrs. R. L. Whitlow on their trip to Colorado to attend the National Home Demonstration and National Country Women of the World Conference.
- Agent on "Holiday Cooking"
Agent on Mending - The Overall Patch in particular
A review of the past year's happenings and summary of the bulletins that are available by the Agent.
- January - Two recording on 4-H Club Work
An interview with Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, on the "Use of Sewing Machine Attachments"
An interview with Mrs. Ed Young, Mrs. J. O. Bloomquist, and Mrs. B. L. Olson on the origin and activities of the Silver Creek Club.
- February - "Meat for Thrifty Meals" by Agent
"Eat Foods When They are Abundant" by Agent
- March - Recording made by Agent
Announcing 4-H Club Week and outlining project work
Adult and 4-H Club, Country Life Conference reservations, and information on Color in the Home bulletin
Adult and 4-H Calendar, and discussion on how to make a wrist pin cushion
Adult and 4-H Calendar, and explanation of 4-H Contests for Roundup
Adult and 4-H Calendar, and discussion of bulletin called "Buying Men's Suits."
- May - Adult and 4-H Calendar, and Agent discussed Furniture Rearrangement, using Cut-Outs bulletin and mimeo on this subject.
Adult and 4-H Calendar, and discussed 4-H Club Roundup and its merits. Also, used two news articles "Read Deodorants Labels Carefully" and Simpler Cooking".

On June 19th the Agent was notified that the Farm and Ranch Program had been discontinued for lack of continuity in available news. Since that time no broadcasts have been made.

CLUB REPORTS ON PROJECTS

Webb Mothers Elect Officers At Meeting

Election of officers for the Webb Mothers club was held following a pot luck luncheon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Rollo Dawson, Elfrida.

Mrs. Sarah Peevey was elected president; Mrs. Lewis Grizzle, vice president and Mrs. Elizabeth Whitehead, secretary-treasurer.

A committee was appointed to make plans for the Christmas dinner party for members and their husbands, Dec. 16.

Members present were Mrs. Bessie Jarrett, Mrs. Lewis Grizzle, Mrs. Sarah Peevey, Mrs. R. H. Olsson, Mrs. Mary Magoffin, Mrs. Marjory Olsson, Mrs. Lydia Saylor, Mrs. Mary Dawson, Mrs. Mary A. J. Patterson and Mrs. Vallie Norris. LeRoy Dawson, John Saylor and Rollo Dawson were guests.

Silver Creek Club Wraps Gifts For Home

Wrapping packages for Christmas at the Arizona children's home in Tucson and learning how to make purses concerned the women of the Silver Creek Homemakers club in an all-day meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Roy Adams.

Plans for the annual Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Swaggart also were discussed.

Mrs. T. M. Watson will deliver the packages to the children's home. Mrs. M. R. Watt led the women in the purse-making project.

Others present were Mrs. Jess Eades, Mrs. R. W. Hill, Mrs. L. W. Loudin, Mrs. Ed Young, Mrs. Pete Whatley, Mrs. W. E. Foster, Mrs. Ora Ferguson.

Westside Club In All-Day Meet

The Westside club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Gene Hannum, 1717 Pan-American avenue, for an all-day meeting.

A demonstration on the use of the sewing machine attachments was given before lunch. The business meeting was held during the afternoon. Mrs. W. S. Schlotzhauer, 1048 Twelfth street, will be hostess at the February meeting at which time the sewing machine demonstration will be continued.

Those present were Mrs. Pat Nowlin, Mrs. R. L. Whitlow, Mrs. E. B. Johnson, Mrs. Fred Garcia, Mrs. Emogene Bryce, Mrs. R. A. Hohstadt, Mrs. Marie Bixler, Mrs. C. A. Walker, Mrs. J. H. Turpin, Mrs. Bert Rhodes, Mrs. Schlotzhauer, Mrs. Frank Teeter, Mrs. L. A. Gillett, Mrs. R. L. Strett, Mrs. Hannum, Mrs. F. Schmidt, Mrs. Mary C. Hannum, Mrs. Pauline Gregory, Mrs. Lola M. Mayse and Mrs. N. S. Johnson.

San Simon Club Elects Officers

SAN SIMON— The San Simon Homemakers club met at the high school cafeteria with the president, Mrs. P. O. Ebsen, in the chair. Mrs. Mae Baldrige, county home demonstration agent, assisted in planning a program for the coming year.

Election of officers resulted in the following: Mrs. Beulah McKee, president, and Mrs. Jo Roach, secretary-treasurer. Committees appointed were: Clothing, Mrs. Mary Hollis and Mrs. Blanche Reed; foods, Mrs. Lucy Ebsen and Mrs. Alice Vehstedt; home management, Mrs. Ruby Lee Noland and Mrs. Jo Roach; health, Mrs. Dorothy Gentner and Mrs. Joyce Danielson; recreation, Mrs. Nell Roark and Mrs. Johnnie Ellison. Mrs. McKee was designated reporter.

Plans for 1950 include a campaign for new members. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3, at which time a demonstration of the use of sewing machine attachments will be conducted by Mrs. Mary Hollis and Mrs. Blanche Reed, who plan to attend a leaders' training class at Willcox Thursday.

Double Adobe Club To Aid Charity

DOUBLE ADOBE— The Double Adobe Homemakers club met at the home of Mrs. E. C. Hill where the uses of sewing machine attachments were highlighted. At the next meeting more intricate parts, designed to create a professional finish, will be demonstrated.

Mrs. E. C. Hill's resignation was accepted and Mrs. L. Holman will assume the duties of president. It also was agreed that Mrs. M. Dawson will represent the club at the annual conference on cancer control in Phoenix.

The February meeting will be at the home of Mrs. L. Holman and members were requested to bring a box of clothing for the Salvation Army.

Those attending included Mrs. Reed Walker, Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mrs. W. Rogers, Mrs. M. Dawson, Mrs. H. G. McBride, Mrs. E. C. Hill, Mrs. L. Holman, Mrs. R. Spix, Mrs. G. Ragsdale, Mrs. M. Hunsaker and Mrs. E. C. Hill Jr.

Stewart Homemakers Hold Meeting

Under the guidance of the clothing leaders, Mrs. Lois Neal, Mrs. Millie Ellis and Mrs. Hazel Wilson, the members of the Stewart Homemakers learned how to use their sewing machine attachments in many ways. This lesson proved popular as several of the women had brought their attachments to learn how to use them.

Mrs. Neal used elastic thread on her machine and demonstrated how bowl covers could be made using film as the material.

A delicious pot luck dinner was enjoyed, which included a birthday cake in the shape of a heart in honor of Mrs. R. A. Davis, Mrs. A. M. Hartsook and Mrs. Bert Wilson.

Mrs. R. A. Davis and Mrs. Bert Wilson decorated the tables with pretty greens and tiny red paper hearts.

Those present were Mmes. Ray Trappman, C. F. Alexander, Bob McComb, Bert Wilson, Howard Pregonzer, B. F. Bloodworth, Henry Kuschel, W. C. Noe, T. J. Martin, M. L. Powell, Harl Nichols, Charles Walker, Charles Hall, Haynes Moore, Wm. Bacheller, Isom Lantz, B. B. Bosley, Bill Tuck, R. A. Davis, Jack Neal, H. W. McKeen, Mae Baldrige, Dick Lawson, H. L. Ellis, Harry Sommers, J. F. Alexander and Jay Kuhn.

A special meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, at 10 o'clock to make plastic purses. Anyone interested outside of the Stewart Homemakers' Club will be welcome. The women making these purses are requested to bring with them the following items: ¼ yard of outing flannel, used or new; ¼ yard of rayon, silk or taffeta for lining, ¼ yard of crinoline, 1 yard gros grain ribbon for binding; 6 inch square of heavy cardboard. Bring a sack lunch.

County Home Agent Stresses Need For Accuracy in Home Canning

Before starting the season's canning season, be sure to have the dial gauge of a pressure canner tested for accuracy, Mrs. Mae Baldrige, county home agent, advised home canners Tuesday.

Low acid foods, which are canned safely only in a steam pressure canner—include snapbeans, corn and other commonly home-canned garden vegetables except tomatoes. Meats also should be canned in a steam pressure canner, she said.

Mrs. Baldrige explained that the canner's pressure gauge is all-important to proper processing of these foods. Unless the gauge registers accurately, food being processed may get too little heat for safekeeping, or may be needlessly over-cooked with loss in vitamins and flavor. The bureau of human nutrition and home economics, USDA, recommends processing low-acid foods at 10 pounds pressure, the equivalent of 240 degrees F. in temperature.

A dial-type gauge, new or old, should be checked for accuracy before each canning season and also during the season if the canner is used a great deal.

Mrs. Baldrige said she will have the gauge testing equipment with her when she attends homemaker

club meetings this summer. She invited the public to have pressure canners tested. Some meetings scheduled are:

Valley Women's club at the home of Mrs. O. H. McLaughlin, McNeal, Wednesday; Westside Homemakers at the home of Mrs. Mary Hannum, Douglas, meet Tuesday; Rucker Homemakers at the home of Mrs. O. D. Dwyer, 2000 Seventh street, Douglas, next Wednesday, and St. David Relief society at its workroom July 6.

Clothing Leaders Training Meetings Stress Sewing Machine Instructions

Two adult clothing leaders training meetings were held last week by Mrs. Mae Baldrige, county home agent.

The adult leaders of the southern part of the county met all day last Tuesday in the new Douglas high school sewing room. Those in attendance were Mrs. Thelma Flannery and Mrs. Ethel Bearmore of Bisbee Divide, Miss Rosemary Spix of Double Adobe, Miss Lulu Peters of McNeal, Mrs. Jessie Hewlett of Rucker, Mrs. Alice Currier and Mrs. Dorothy Radonovich of Frontier, Mrs. B. L. Olson, Mrs. Oscar Bloomquist and Mrs. Ed Young of Silver Creek, Mrs. Oscar Tyra and Mrs. Bert Rhodes of Westside, Mrs. Harold Stark of Elfrida, Mrs. Doris Davis of Lowell, Mrs. L. S. Perrin and Mrs. Caleb Rice of Douglas, and the home economics teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Knappe and members of the home economics classes.

The adult leaders of clubs in the northern part of the county met all day Thursday at the Willcox high school sewing room. Those present were Mrs. Ted Busenbark and Mrs. Mary Anderson of Sulphur Springs, Mrs. Marie Frakes and Mrs. Mabel Graham of Cochise, Mrs. Beulah McKee of San Simon, Mrs. Millie Ellis, Mrs. Hazel Wilson and Mrs.

Lois Neal of Stewart, Mrs. Maurice Barrett and Mrs. Marie Schroeder of the El Paso Gas station and Mrs. Mary Lawson and Mrs. Mary Dabney of Willcox.

Miss Helen Church of Tucson, extension clothing specialist, conducted the meeting in Douglas and Mrs. Baldrige conducted in Willcox.

The women were shown how to use sewing machine attachments. They made plans to take this information back to their clubs. In most cases it will be divided up into the next two months of club work. The first month these women will demonstrate some of the simple uses of the attachments and ordinary care of the sewing machine. At the second meeting the club members will be requested to bring their own sewing machine attachments and learn how to use them.

Those wishing to obtain this information have been invited to attend these demonstrations, whether a member of the club or not.

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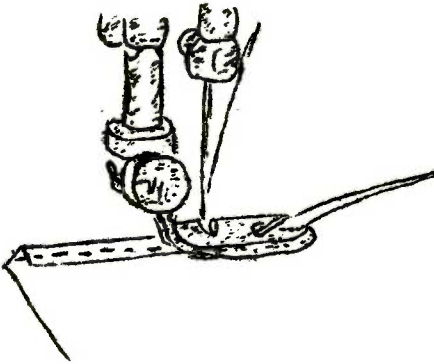
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Dear Homemaker:

February always passes so quickly. It seems like it was only yesterday that I sent you the February Letter, and here it is time already for the March news.

PROJECTS FOR THE MONTH

Sewing Machine Attachments

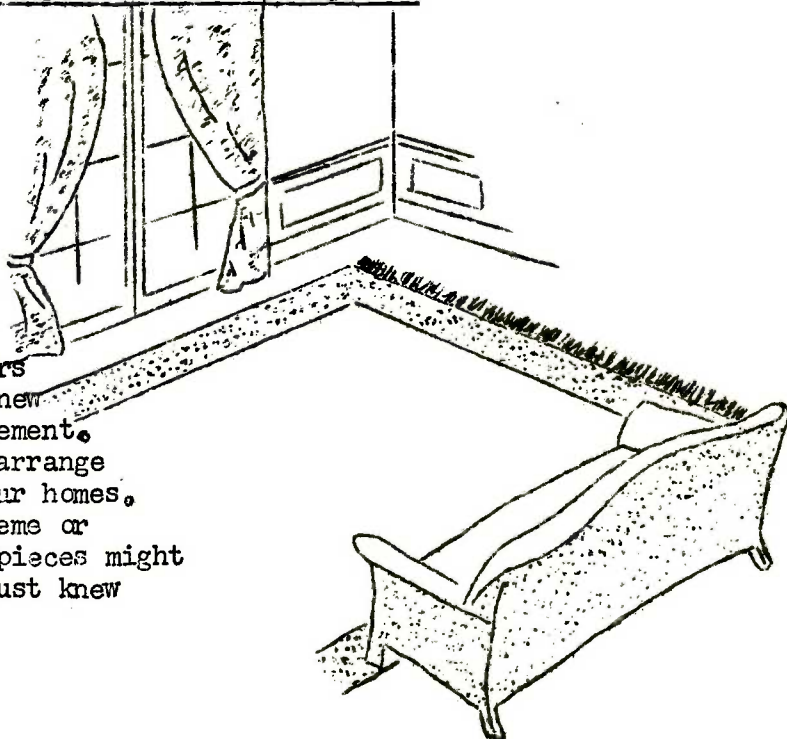


A few of the clubs are finishing up with the Sewing Machine Attachments Lesson this month. Don't forget that if your club is on this list, you will be expected to take your own attachments to the meeting so that you can practice using them.

Principles of Room Arrangement

What makes a well arranged room?
Why does my house always look cluttered?
What goes with what?
How important is color to a good room arrangement?

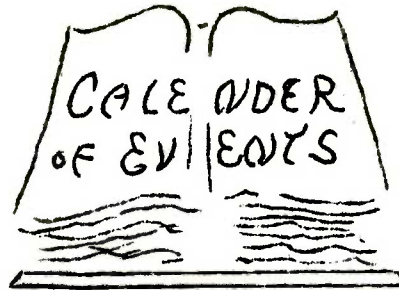
These questions and many others will be discussed as we study our new project, Principles of Room Arrangement. Often times there is no way to re-arrange the large pieces of furniture in our homes. However, a change in the color scheme or a better arrangement of the small pieces might make for more harmony — if we just knew where to begin!



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CALENDAR OF THE MONTH

Please check the Calendar for the announcement
of your club meeting.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
March 1	- Sulphur Springs	- Mrs. Geo. Anderson	- Sewing Machine Attachments
" 2	- Stewart	- Club House	- " " "
" 4	- San Simon (Note change of date)	- School Cafeteria	- " " "
" 7	- Cochise	- Claudia Havin Home	- " " "
" 8	- Webb Mothers Club	- Mrs. Lewis Grizzle	- Room Arrangement
" 8	- McNeal Ladies Aid	- Community Center	- General Business
" 9	- Frontier	- Mrs. Nan Gojckovich	- Room Arrangement
" 10	- El Paso Gas Station	- Mrs. Jean Baker (Bisbee)	- " "
" 14	- St. David Relief Soc.	- L.D.S. Church	- Sewing Machine Attachments
" 15	- Valley Womens Club	- Mrs. J. B. Russell	- Room Arrangement
" 16	- Silver Creek	- Mrs. Ed Young	- " "
" 17	- Bisbee Divide	- Mrs. Carl Brown Briggs Ave., Warren	- " "
" 21	- Double Adobe	- Mrs. E. C. Hill, Jr.	- " "
" 22	- McNeal Ladies Aid	- Community Center	- Entertain Valley Clubs
" 22	- Bisbee Junction	-	- Room Arrangement
" 23	- Apache Sew What Club	- Mrs. Alden Hayes	- " "
" 28	- Westside Club	-	- " "
" 28	- South Bisbee	- Mrs. O. V. Wright	- Sewing Machine Attachments
" 29	- Rucker	-	- Room Arrangement

IMPORTANT EVENTS

March 4-12 - National 4-H Club Week. Often times we wonder how we as the General Public can help 4-H Club Work. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Get acquainted with the 4-H Club Program in your community.
2. Help recruit members for a 4-H Club.
3. Assist in organizing a 4-H Club.
4. Be a local leader or help members find one.
5. Encourage your own boys and girls to be 4-H members.
6. Encourage other boys and girls to be 4-H members.
7. Help to transport members to 4-H meetings.
8. Encourage and help members to take part in various 4-H Club activities.
9. Assist members to secure needed equipment and supplies.
10. Encourage members to complete their project work.
11. Help the local 4-H Club with its activities.
12. Back up the 4-H Clubs and club leaders in your neighborhood.
13. Tell parents what 4-H Club Work can mean to their own boys and girls.
14. Help outstanding community leaders to recognize the far-reaching values of the 4-H Club Program.

The final 4-H enrollment date for this year is May 1st. Since club members must be enrolled for at least five months and the club year ends September 30th, this means that those enrolling now must carry the work through the summer months.

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April 10-13 - Country Life Conference. This year the announcements are going only to the presidents of each club. Registrations are to be made direct to me by March 25th. Why not tear off the registration blank at the end of this letter and mail it to me at once. If between now and March 25th you find that you cannot go, then you could write and cancel it. Otherwise you may forget this until too late. Everyone is invited! Let's help Cochise County have the largest delegation at Country Life Conference.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Powdered sugar sifted on a plate that is to hold a fresh cake will keep the cake from sticking to the plate.

An odor in thermos jugs may be avoided by rinsing them with one tablespoon of dry mustard in some warm water, says Mrs. B. L. Olson of Silver Creek.

BULLETINS - OLD and NEW (Send requests to me)

Buying Men's Suits - a new USDA bulletin giving lots of good ideas on this subject.

Egg Dishes at Low Cost - another USDA Leaflet with some new recipes for using eggs.

Money-Saving Main Dishes - USDA bulletin full of recipes.

Meat for Thrifty Meals - USDA bulletin of recipes.

Sincerely,

Mae Baldridge

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County Home Dem. Agent
Willcox, Arizona

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COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE RESERVATION

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Please return this form to my office by March 25th if you wish to attend the Country Life Conference on the University of Arizona Campus, Tucson, Arizona, April 10 to 13, 1950.

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HOUSE AND FURNISHING

Room Arrangements

One of the major projects of this year was "Room Arrangements." The women of the sifting committee decided that this was the most important need in this field for this year. Many homes are poorly arranged due to lack of information on how to do a better job.

The Agent and Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, spent one day planning the lesson and making illustrative material.

In presenting this lesson the main objective was to set up good general principles for arranging rooms. The following outline was used at fifteen meetings:

- A. What is involved in making re-arrangements
 - 1. Physical factors
 - 2. Human factors
- B. Where to start
 - 1. Inventory of room
 - 2. Remove accessories
 - 3. Check lighting
 - 4. Arrange travel areas
 - 5. Consider the family
- C. Contributing factors to an unsatisfactory arrangement
 - 1. Monotony of color and spacing
 - 2. Confusion
 - 3. Stiff and unfriendly rooms
- D. Discuss and illustrate the five principles
 - 1. Balance
 - 2. Emphasis
 - 3. Harmony
 - 4. Proportion
 - 5. Rhythm
- E. Summary

This is all that there was time to present in afternoon meetings. Where time was allowed to present some of this material during the morning, the Agent and members used the miniature furniture to illustrate some of the arrangements suggested in the Cornell Bulletin. At the Rucker meeting one of the women stated that she is remodelling her living room. She asked for help in arranging her furniture in the new room. A model of the new room was set up and she shifted the miniature furniture around until she had a very satisfactory arrangement.

This small furniture was not used at meetings where there were a number of small children around for fear of it's getting broken.

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A mimeographed folder was given to those present. The material used was that written by Mildred Jensen of the University of Arizona, which is given in the 4-H Room Improvement project book. The last page was a self-analysis quiz sheet, listing several questions which the homemakers were asked to answer. They were instructed to make improvements where their answers indicated these were needed.

This is rather a difficult project to evaluate. Women are not likely to admit that their rooms are not arranged correctly. However, as the Agent attends meetings in the homes, many changes have been observed, especially the disappearance of picture galleries on piano tops and also, the large pieces of furniture are now parallel with the walls instead of being at an angle.

There is still quite a bit of interest in "Color in the Home" and this could well be a follow-up topic. One criticism was made of this lesson. That was that they wanted to actually move furniture around in a room -- the miniature furniture did not seem to satisfy this desire for a change. The Agent feels that in most cases homes are too small to make this method of teaching justifiable.

Ten of the Westside women report that they are "making use of the information they acquired" from this demonstration.

Upholstery Workshops

Two workshops were held this year, one was at Bisbee Junction where a Bed-davanport was re-upholstered in the home of Mrs. M. M. Bohlen. The Other workshop was held at the Webb School where four chairs were re-worked.

Mrs. Bohlen's father took quite an interest in the work and he reported later that he had re-upholstered a chair for his daughter. One other chair was re-upholstered at a later meeting.

At Webb, two of the new Junior members brought a chair and covered it with green plastic. Mrs. Mary Dawson removed only enough upholstery on her chair to retie the springs. Then she retacked the upholstery in place. Mrs. Joe Peevey and Mrs. Epperson each recovered occasional chairs.

Springs were replaced when needed, tied and repadded. Burlap webbing was made for back and seat supports of the occasional chairs. In each case an unbleached muslin cover was put on the furniture first, and then the new material was placed.

This subject is still high on the want list of the women of the county so there should be more workshops held another year.

UPHOLSTERING WORKSHOP AT WEBB SCHOOL



— Mrs. Dawson's chair did not
look too bad a top side view.



The springs were in bad --
shape and the chair had been
discarded until this workshop
was held.

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Step-Saving U-Kitchen

The Step Saving U-Kitchen slides were shown to four groups this year. These were the Douglas Women's Club, Willcox Senior Women's Club, Willcox Junior Women's Club and the Willcox Freshman Class of Home Economics girls. Miss Doris Huhn, Willcox High School teacher, showed these slides to her girls and to the Willcox Senior Womens Club.

Along with these slides the Agent discussed the necessity of having a kitchen arranged to as to eliminate unnecessary walking and reaching (energy saving), and the possibility of changing over a kitchen already in use by the use of step shelves. Available bulletins were also displayed and requests were filled.

The Agent stopped at the home of Mrs. Ralph Statler and was quite pleased to see several features of the Step Saving kitchen in their newly constructed kitchen. Mrs. Statler said that of all the things they had done in the kitchen, the garbage disposal unit with the hole cut in the counter beside the sink and the garbage pail below was the most satisfying. She said that she hadn't realized how many steps this one feature would save.

Mrs. Ruth Mellonbruch of Willcox reports that she has had her kitchen remodelled this year. She says the carpenter kept the Step Saving U-Kitchen booklet open as he worked, and copied several of the features shown.

Kitchen Storage

The Agent was asked to give a talk to the two Farmers Home Administration meetings. One meeting was held in McNeal and the other at Willcox. The Agent chose Kitchen Arrangements for her topic at both meetings.

This was presented as follows:

1. Show energy charts
2. Compare poor arrangement to good arrangement
 - a. Use flanelgraph
 - b. Make cup of coffee in each
3. Plan Kitchen Storage
 - a. 3 main centers
 - b. Use of step shelves
 - c. U-Kitchen plans where building

4. Summarize - Show bulletins available to help. The main object of this lesson was to start the women to thinking about how they could make their kitchens more efficient. Not only the women, but the men saw how this could be done and asked many questions.

Mrs. Homer McBride reports that since this meeting she had rearranged her kitchen. She will report upon it's effectiveness later.

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To start out the meetings for the new South Bisbee Club, the Agent chose to give a lesson on kitchen storage. Nearly the same outline as above was given during the morning. Then during the afternoon it was tied in with a workshop of actual step shelf construction. The women had been asked to bring their tools, nails and an orange crate or a lug box. They were also asked to measure their own dish cupboards so that the step shelves they made would fit exactly. This workshop was held in Mrs. C. A. Woods garage and 11 step shelves were made by 8 women. They planned to paint them and really put them to use.

Drapery Construction

The Double Adobe Homemakers did not get to have this lesson last year so they asked for it on this years' program. This lesson was demonstrated by the following outline:

- a. Materials suitable
- b. Equipment needed
- c. Types of draperies
 - 1. Unlined
 - 2. Lined
 - 3. Interlined
- d. How to make heading and hems
 - 1. Mitered corners - had women practice with paper pattern
 - 2. Pockets for weights
- e. How to make French pleats - had women practice with paper pattern
- f. Other pleats
- g. Summary

Utility Room Loan Kit

The Double Adobe women had ordered this kit for their August meeting. They presented the material in this kit during the morning session, before the Agent arrived. There seemed to be quite a bit of interest in this kit and the bulletins to be handed out.

Others

Six Homemaker Clubs made quilts this past year. These were Webb Mothers Club, San Simon, Frontier, Junior Webb Club, Bisbee Divide and Silver Creek. The Silver Creek and Bisbee Divide ladies made their quilts for the Arizona Children's Home. Each club reports having made six bed quilts apiece, and the Silver Creek women made one crib quilt.

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The Webb Mothers Club reports having made three quilts. Two of these were given to needy families and the other one was auctioned off. The Frontier women made two quilts, one for a needy family and the other for a money-raising project. The other two clubs made just one quilt apiece which were used for raising money.

News

The project work was highlighted in the County Letter. Announcements of meetings were also given in the Club Calendar of this Letter.

Radio

Two broadcasts were made over Station KAWT during the year. These were:

- (1) Color in the Home
- (2) Furniture Arrangements, using the Cut-Outs booklet and mimeographed material

Several House Furnishings bulletins were mentioned on various radio programs.

Bulletins Requested or Taken from the Office

- 31 The Finish Counts
- 21 Furniture Repair
- 23 Tailor Your Draperies
- 9 Step Saving U-Kitchen
- 3 Step Saving U-Kitchen Blue Prints
- 21 Re-upholstering a Chair
- 19 Slip Covers
- 16 Color in the Home
- 53 Others
- 13 Ironing a Shirt

209 Total

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED

House and Furnishings

Clubs Participating	Room	Step-	Good Kitchen		Upholstery		Drapery
	Arrange- ment Att.	Saving U-Kitchen Att.	Arrangement Att.	Step- shelves made	Workshop Att.	Pieces redone	
<u>Cochise</u>	16						
<u>Sulphur Springs</u>	5						
<u>Stewart</u>	24						
<u>San Simon</u>	11						
<u>Webb Mothers Club</u>	23-A				11	4	
<u>McNeal Ladies Aid</u>							
<u>Frontier</u>	21						
<u>El Paso Gas</u>	14						
<u>Double Adobe</u>	14						13
<u>Junior Webb Club</u>							
<u>Valley Womens Club</u>	24						
<u>Silver Creek</u>	9						
<u>Bisbee Divide</u>	9						
<u>Westside Club</u>	19						
<u>South Bisbee</u>			11	11			
<u>Bisbee Junction</u>	7				10	1	
<u>Rucker</u>	7						
<u>Apache Sew-What</u>	25						
<u>Douglas Womans Club</u>		15					
<u>Farmers Home Admin.</u>			18 33				
<u>Willcox Jr. Womens Cl.</u>		15 Film					
<u>Willcox Sr. Womens Cl.</u>		25 Film					
<u>Willcox High School</u>		20 Film					
<u>Home Economics Class</u>							
Totals	228	75	62	11	21	5	13

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NUTRITION

The Agent was asked to speak before the Bisbee Health Council on Feeding the School Age Child. The basic 7 chart was used on a flanelgraph. The need for plenty Vitamin A was stressed since the Health Nurse, Miss Maleady, had emphasized the need for this through their health check ups on the children's eyes. Most of the text for this lesson was obtained from the book "Good Food and Nutrition." Mr. Frank Eaton of Carnation Milk Co. gave a talk on feeding the small child. He also showed a film giving the need for milk in a child's diet.

Radio

One broadcast was given on "Meat for Thrifty Meals." The bulletin of the same name was used and the value comparisons of different meat cuts were stressed.

FOOD PRESERVATION AND STORAGE

The Agent spent $3\frac{1}{2}$ days in Tucson attending a Food Preservation School in May. All phases of food preservation were discussed, with the most emphasis being on freezing, judging of canning, and making jellies and judging them.

The material on freezing was every effective. Packaging materials were shown and discussed as to their usability. Many new types of materials were introduced.

The judging practice was needed by all of the Agents. Perhaps now that we have all judged to the same score cards, as a group, we will have about the same standards when judging at County Fairs.

The Jelly Making session was very interesting and beneficial to this Agent since several requests had come in for help in this field.

Pressure Canner Gage Testing

The Agent sent a news letter to all five of the county newspapers stating that during the summer months the pressure canner tester would be available at the meetings which the Agent would be attending. 25 gages were tested. This work was done at Cochise, San Simon, McNeal, Double Adobe, St. David, and at the office.

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Information was given to the women on how to clean the pop-off valves since nine of these did not work properly.

There was not the feeling of urgency for cleaning pressure canner lids this year, as there has been in the past. This is due mostly to the increase in purchases of home freezers.

Jelly Making

When the programs were being planned several of the women asked for help in Jelly making. This was planned as a special feature along with the pressure canner gage testing.

The Agent presented this feature in various ways. The one method most satisfactory was as follows:

- a. Discuss need for canner testing
- b. Display of standard jars
- c. Discuss County Fair regulations
- d. Define jellies, jams, etc.
- e. Demonstrate making jelly
 1. Discuss 4 essentials in juice for making jelly
 2. Use of Jelmeter
 3. Other methods to use for pectin test
 4. Acid test
 5. Make jelly
 6. Demonstrate sheeting-off test
- f. Demonstrate sealing glass of jelly
- g. Ask audience to make jelly
 1. They furnished juice and sugar and worked in teams
 2. Help them use Jelmeter
 3. Help check for sheeting-off test
- h. Judge jelly made earlier
 1. Ask audience to do the judging
 2. Compare results
- i. Summarize and give bulletins to those most interested

This demonstration was given at ten meetings. Miss Mary Gail Bonsall, Home Demonstration Agent at Large, presented three of these demonstrations.

A great amount of interest was shown in the use of the Jelmeter. Several of the women expressed a desire to purchase one for themselves.

One woman expressed disappointment in there not being a better method than the sheeting off test for determining when jelly is done. She felt that this method is not fool proof.

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The score card was used for judging the jelly and all of the women were interested in this part of the demonstration. The Agent asked the women to do the judging and many of them decided that personal taste would play a very important part in the final judgement. Some liked a tart jelly and others liked a sweet jelly.

Bisbee Divide reports that seven women put the jelly making lesson to use during the season.

Freezing

Miss Reva Lincoln, Extension Food Specialist, and the Agent spent one day preparing lesson material for two freezing schools. These were given by the Agent at Willcox with an attendance of 24, and McNeal with an attendance of 19. The following outline was used:

1. Introduction
 - a. Freezing - a new way of living
 - b. Plan for the day
 - c. Principles of freezing
 1. Bacteria
 2. Enzymes
 3. Air
 - d. Advantages and disadvantages of freezing
2. Pre-cooked or Prepared Foods from the Freezer
 - a. Casserole dishes
 - b. Rolls
 - c. Pies
 - d. Cakes
 - e. Sandwiches
3. Sampling of prepared foods - rolls, cakes and peach pies
4. Packaging materials
5. Preparation of vegetables for freezing - corn and broccoli
6. Planning for best use of freezer space
7. Preparation of fruits for freezing - peaches and strawberries
8. Preparation and packaging of poultry for freezing
9. Summary
10. Distribution of bulletins

The pre-cooked and prepared foods had been prepared two weeks prior to the meeting and were kept in the Agent's freezer locker. It was quite interesting to note the comments of the women as they sampled and compared the batters which were frozen and then cooked to the foods which were cooked and then frozen. They all chose the frozen unbaked pie over the baked and frozen one. The rolls and cakes were not so easy to establish a preference. Time was decided to be the big factor in preparing these -- whether it is more valuable at the time of preparation or at the final baking time.

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At a Bisbee Junction meeting these women who had attended the school at McNeal reported the latest freezing information to the women.

There has been a gradual trend towards home freezing during the last two years. This was spurred on the last of August by the R.E.A. office who offered to finance buying of any electrical equipment over a period of five years. This made the monthly freezer payments about \$15.00. The government control of 15 month installment buying, passed early in October, put a stop to that. During the month that the long term buying was in effect, eleven home freezers were financed by the Willcox R.E.A. Office. This office serves all of Cochise County with the exception of Douglas and Bisbee.

News

Three news articles were sent to the five county papers and two radio stations. These were:

1. Troublesome problems in Home Canning
2. Announcing the Freezing Demonstrations
3. Freezing Corn

The Agent highlighted canning for fairs in the June Both County Letter. County and State Fair requirements were reviewed, a score card was given on canned fruits and vegetables, and definitions of jellies, jams, preserves, marmalades, conserves and fruit butters were listed.

Radio

The Agent devoted one radio program to the need for having Pressure Canner gages tested every year and gave instruction on how to clean the pop-off valves.

Requests at the County Office for Bulletins

155	All Freezing bulletins
17	Jams and Jellies
75	All others

247 Total

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Food Preservation and Storage

Communities	Jelly Making att.	Jelly made at meetings	Two Schools on Freezing Coms. Rep.	No. Pres- sure Canned Tested	No. off 2# or More	Incorrect Safety Valve Pop-off	Canner Testing Meetings att.
Cochise	15		x	2	1		15
Sulphur Springs			x				
Stewart	10		x				
San Simon Webb Mothers Club	3		x	2	1		3
McNeal Ladies Aid			x	4	3	2	5
Frontier	12	x	x				
El Paso Gas Station	9	x	x				
Double Adobe Junior Webb Club	13	x		6	4	2	13
Valley Womens Club	13		x				
Silver Creek	15						
Bisbee Divide Westside Club	11		x				
South Bisbee			x				
Bisbee Junction			x				
Rucker Apache Sew-What	8	x					
St. David				6	2	3	
Others				5	2	2	
Totals	109		40	25	13	9	36

Cooperative Extension Work
in
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State of Arizona

University of Arizona
College of Agriculture
U. S. Department of Agriculture
and Cochise County Cooperating

Agricultural Extension Service
Home Demonstration Work
County Agent Work

Willcox
June 30, 1950

Dear Homemaker:

Now is the time to start planning for the County Fair. The letter this month is intended to help you canners do just that. Next month we will discuss the Domestic Arts Division. Send in your requests now if you want any particular phase studied.

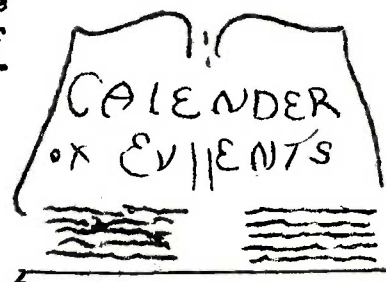


Project of the Month

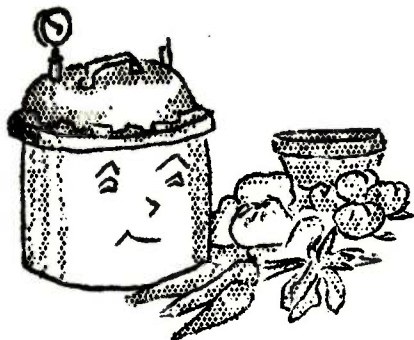
July and August are very busy months for the average homemaker in this county. Gardens and crops are at their peak and that means many a busy hour is spent in harvesting.

The clubs have planned their own programs for this month and they do sound interesting and varied.

Here is the Calendar of Events:



<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
July 2	- Cochise	- Cochise Stronghold	- Family Picnic
" 6	- Stewart	- Club House	- Diabetes Loan Kit
" 6	- St. David Relief Soc.	- Club Room	- Use of Cooking Equipment
" 7	- San Simon	- School Cafeteria	- Health
" 12	- Webb Mothers Club	- Mrs. Elizabeth Whitehead	- Quilting & Book Reviews
" 13	- Frontier	-	- First Aid
" 14	- El Paso Gas Station	- Mrs. Mildred Chapman	- Loan Kit
" 18	- Double Adobe	- Mrs. G.B. Ragsdale, Hostess	- Work on Fair projects
" 19	- Valley Womens Club	- Mrs. Wesley Garcia	- To be planned
" 20	- Silver Creek	- Mrs. Geo. Herbert 889 - 17th St., Douglas	- Apron Kit
" 21	- Bisbee Divide	-	- Health
" 25	- South Bisbee	-	- Loan Kit
" 25	- Westside Club	- Mrs. Mae Schmidt	- Loan Kit
" 26	- Bisbee Junction	-	-
" 26	- Rucker Homemakers	-	- Picnic
" 27	- Apache Sew-What Club	- Hilltop - Mrs. Ben Pague, Hostess	- Picnic



Hints to the Canner

There are many things to consider when exhibiting canning at a County Fair. In order for you to be right up on the latest rules here are a few pointers:

1. All canning must be displayed in a Standard Canning Jar. It is easy to tell a standard canning jar because it always has the manufacturer's name on one side.
2. Only pint jars are eligible to be exhibited at the State Fair. Therefore, we are asking for only pint jars at our County Fair this year. This is a trial and your cooperation is needed to make it work. As you do your canning, put some of each food in pint jars and have it ready for the Fair. Your comments on this system are wanted, so please put them in the idea box you will find in the canning exhibit area at the Fair, or write them to me any time.
3. All pickles, relishes, jellies, preserves, etc. will be opened by the judges. Therefore, you will want a second jar of these foods to send on to the State Fair. Jellies must be in standard jelly glasses for the State Fair. Fruits and vegetables will not be opened.
4. Here is a sample Score Card for fruit and vegetable canning:

	Percent
Appearance of container--clean, suitable container, clear glass, neat label	-10
Pack--full, attractive, practical	-20
Liquid--clean, clear, enough to cover for fruits and tomatoes,	
up to the top for vegetables	-10
Color--natural color, not faded or unnaturally bright	-20
Quality of product--distinct, uniform pieces, well preserved,	
firm, keeping original shape	-40
Total - perfect score	100
5. We differ sometimes in identifying jams, preserves, etc. Perhaps the following definitions will help clear this up. Also, be sure to have your jars labeled properly when you take them to the Fair.

Definitions for Jellies and Preserves

Jelly is a combination of fruit juice or juices with the right proportion of sugar, which, cooked to the right stage, becomes a clear tender, sparkling, transparent, quivering mold.

Preserves are made usually of one fruit, but more than one may be used. The fruit is whole or cut into large pieces and cooked in a syrup until clear and transparent, tender, firm, crisp and well-plumped. The shape of the fruit is retained. The juice is of a thick, syrupy consistency and enough to surround the fruit.

Marmalades are made of whole small fruit or small pieces of fruit cooked in a syrup until clear and transparent. The shape of the fruit is retained and should be evenly distributed throughout the juice, which is of a jelly-like consistency, though not firm enough to hold its shape when turned out onto a plate.

Jams are usually made of one fruit. The whole small fruit or small pieces of larger fruit are crushed or jammed together into a shape-less mass of an even,

soft consistency thick enough to spread and easily divided into portions with a spoon. The fruit is evenly mixed with the juice which is not separated from the fruit and is of a jelly-like consistency.

Conserves are a jam-like product made of two or more fruits. They may or may not contain nuts or raisins. They are made of very small whole fruit or fruit cut into small pieces, cooked until crushed or jammed together into a mixture of an even, soft consistency. The liquid is slightly jelly-like in character. The name and flavor of the conserve is that of the dominant fruit.

Fruit Butters are smooth, even, fine grained mixtures of medium soft consistency, without seeds or distinct pieces of fruit and with no evidence of juice as a separate liquid. Butters are less sweet than jams, preserves, marmalades or conserves.

6. I have judging score cards for pickles, jellies, etc. and will be glad to send them to you upon request. If there are any questions about any of these points, please feel free to ask them.

Important Events

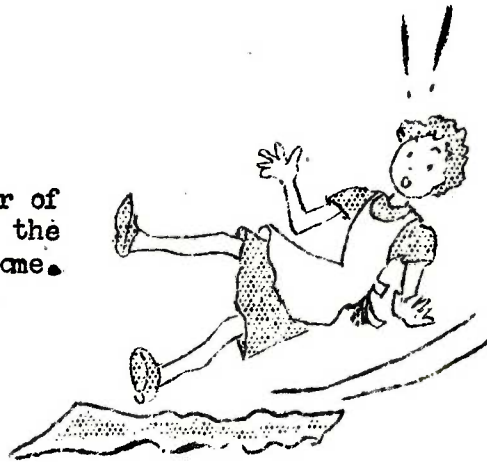
July 23 - 29, National Farm Safety Week

Once again we are reminded of the great number of accidents that occur on the farm or ranch. Now is the time to check and eliminate hazards around your home. Let's join forces with all the rural people of the nation and make this a Safety Week, long to be remembered.

July 25 - 29, 4-H Leaders Camp at Camp Geranimo

Our adult and junior leaders will be meeting for the second year to discuss their 4-H problems and get new ideas for better Club Work.

September 11, Cochise County Council at Elfrida - It's not too early to start planning for this event. This is the time that we plan our programs for next year. Jot down ideas now and be ready to present them at the Council meeting. Your needs are next year's program!



Available Bulletins

Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables - a USDA bulletin giving recommended methods and time tables for canning.

Home Canning of Meat - USDA bulletin, giving meat canning time tables.

Homemade Jellies, Jams and Preserves - another USDA bulletin with good tested recipes.

Home Freezing of Fruits and Vegetables - the USDA bulletin on freezing methods.

Sincerely,

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FOOD SELECTION AND PREPARATION

Use of Cooking Equipment

Miss Reva Lincoln, Extension Nutritionist, spent a day and a half with the Agent in planning for the lesson called "Making Better Use of Cooking Equipment."

A questionnaire was circulated by the foods project leaders early in the year and then sent to the Agent. This listed several pieces of equipment, such as broiler, pressure sauce pan, waffle iron, deep well, electric roaster, electric casserole, electric grill and electric mixer with or without attachments. Each homemaker was asked to check the pieces that she had in her home. After a careful check of these it was found that the broiler, pressure sauce pan and waffle iron headed the list.

This lesson was then based on these three pieces of equipment. It was presented as follows:

1. Introduction
 - a. Equipment to be used
 - b. Reasons for choice
 - c. General instructions on use of each
2. Demonstrate custard made in pressure pan
3. Assign cooking tasks to women in audience
 - a. Check recipes with women
 - b. Demonstrate difficult or new methods
 - c. Watch timing so that all food is ready for the table at the same time
4. Eat meal
 - a. Call attention to everyone the different dishes prepared
 - b. Watch for reactions as people eat
5. Go over publications on use of all three pieces of equipment
 - a. Give thorough instructions on use of each
 - b. Check suggested recipes and add others
6. Answer questions on uses of other pieces of equipment not demonstrated
7. Summary
 - a. Variety in meal preparation
 - b. Better use of what we have
 - c. Cut down cooking costs

The meals consisted of the following:

Pressure Sauce Pan

1. Custard
2. Fruited Lamb
3. Vegetable Plate if large group

Waffle Iron

1. Waffles with peas
2. served with creamed
2. Peanut butter ~~ee(tuna)~~ cookies

Broiler

1. Meat Patties
2. Potato and Onion Rings
3. Carrots
4. Jellied Peaches

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The Agent found that by having the vegetables pared and the lamb browned before the meeting started, the work progressed rapidly.

The Vegetable Plate and the Waffles were not prepared when the groups were small. The Agent felt that the waffles were the most important to teach so used that dish in preference to the vegetable plate. That plate was only prepared four ~~or~~ five times.

15 clubs participated in this lesson. At the Bisbee Divide Club meeting three members of the Bisbee Junction Club took notes and prepared to give this lesson to their club themselves. The Agent had written to their foods leader and asked that they try this.

The woman seemed to like the entire lesson and were especially interested in the many uses of the waffle iron. Many reported that they prepared only toast and maybe a steak once in awhile in their broiler but after this lesson 44 out of 80 reported using it for whole meals.

One Dish Meals

The Apache Club did not get to have this lesson last year and they asked that it be brought to them. This was done in January. These women are very interested in any foods project and sincerely enjoyed this lesson with it's Mock Enchilades, Hamberger Pie, Meat Turnovers, Onion Cheese Pie and Chili Rellenos. Two or three women prepared each dish and saw that they received due attention at the table. During the discussion that followed, the women suggested some of their favorite one-dish meals and recipes were exchanged.

The Agent has noticed that the Mock Enchilades and Hamberger Pie appear at a potluck dinner quite often. These are easy to prepare and take to a meeting. Those living in the chili growing areas report having Chili Rellenos quite often, too. Requests are still coming in for copies of the recipes used in this lesson.

Others

Mrs. Byron Forsyth gave a very interesting demonstration on Candy Making at the Sulphur Springs Club December meeting. She made fondant and then demonstrated the technique of dipping it in chocolate. Several other candy recipes were exchanged at this meeting.

The Sulphur Springs Club reports that they had a bread making demonstration in March for the newer homemakers.

Mrs. James Rundell, leader of the McNeal 4-H Club, reported that two of her girls, Lois Hongo and Dickie Franklin, were asked to give a cake making demonstration. They chose the easy mix method, and had everything measured before

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the demonstration. Lois had brought a cake to show the finished product, and had used vegetable shortening in it. They baked the demonstration cake and it was very coarse and strong (the girls had used lard in this one.) Mrs. Rundell said that she made quite a point of the difference in the two cakes, and told the girls they could not expect too much out of the lard. Dicke disagreed with her and a few days later presented Mrs. Rundell with a cake and had this written on the top "This cake was made with lard just for you." Mrs. Rundell says that it had a very fine flavor but was a little coarse textured. Dickie is now married and doing her own housekeeping.

News

The County Letter highlighted the lesson on Making Better Use of Cooking Equipment and the women were asked to bring their aprons to the meetings and be prepared to assist. About 90% of the women brought their aprons.

Radio

Two broadcasts were devoted to this phase of foods. These were "Holiday Cooking" and "Eat Foods When They are Abundant."

Foods Bulletins Requested from the County Office

20	Mile High Cakes
28	Ways With a Pressure Sauce Pan
16	One Dish Meals
17	Sour Cream, How to Prepare and Use it at Home
18	Packed Lunches
10	Arizona Salads
11	Family Fare
7	Broiler Meals
7	Waffle Iron Recipes
9	Frozen Desserts
7	Making Velva Fruit at Home
119	Others

271 Total

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Food Selection and Preparation

Use of Cooking Equipment	Attendance at Demonstration	Members Reporting	Made Better use of Broiler Meals	Others	Used Pressure Sauce Pan for One Dish Meals	Others	Used Pressure Sauce Pan for Custards	Others	Used Waffle Iron for Main Dishes	Others	Used Waffle Iron for Cookies	Others	Used Waffle Iron for Hot Breads	Others	Used Waffle Iron for Desserts	Others
Cochise	14	14	8		10		2		3		10		11		9	
Stewart	23	10	3		10		10				5					
San Simon	13	8	3		5				4							
Webb Mothers Club	17	10			7	1	10	1			6		10		5	
Frontier	13	12	3	4	5	4	3		3	4	5	4	2	4		
El Paso Gas Station	13															
Double Adobe	11	5	5	3	4	6					2	1	1	1		
Valley Womens Club	11	10	10		10	12	8		2	4	6	4	4	2	2	2
Silver Creek	12	9	5		7	1		1	1	1	1					
Bisbee Divide	15															
Westside Club	15															
South Bisbee	30															
Rucker	10	10	10		10		10		10		10		10		10	
Apache Sew-What	19															
St. David Rel. Soc.	11															
Totals	227	88	47	7	68	24	43	2	23	9	45	9	38	7	26	2

One Dish Meals was presented to 29 women at an Apache Sew-What Club meeting.

One Bread Making and one Candy Making demonstration were given at the Sulphur Springs Homemakers meetings.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Last fall when the programs were planned for this year it was voted at the Council that all of the clubs carry a ten-minute report on some health problem at each of their meetings. Several clubs started out to do this but fell by the wayside. However, Silver Creek and Cochise report that they followed through at each of their meetings. Other who had a few such talks were Webb Mothers Club, Valley Womens Club, and El Paso Gas Station. The subjects for these talks were varied but always interesting and timely. Some of them were: The New Drugs for Colds, Cancer Control, RH Blood Factor, TB Control, Atmospheric Pollution, Care of Burns, Socialized Medicine, Rheumatic Fever, Care of Nails, Heat Stroke, and Symptoms of Appendicitis.

The Council also voted that each club should devote one whole lesson to some phase of health. Sixteen clubs report that they either attended a community meeting or had a health program at one of their club meetings.

Cancer Control

The Homemaker who represented Cochise County at the Cancer School in February was Mrs. M. M. Dawson, of Double Adobe. She reports that she showed the cancer film at McNeal on April 26th and at Elfrida on May 2nd. She had Dr. Guy Attona, Douglas, at each meeting and he answered all of the professional questions. Mrs. Dawson says, "I believe they were successful enough meetings that in the future similar meetings would be better attended." There were 30 at the McNeal meeting and 60 at Elfrida.

Mrs. Margaret Hailey of Willcox attended the Cancer School and she obtained the film for the Stewart and Cochise groups. Several women from the Sulphur Springs club attended the showing of the film at Cochise.

Mrs. R. L. Whitlow, Douglas, represented a Douglas organization at the Cancer School. She reports that several of the homemakers in the Douglas area attended the showing of the film there. Six of the Westside women report having a cancer check-up since this film showing.

The Bisbee representative wrote and asked for names of women in that area who should be contacted about the showing of the film. The Agent sent her the names of the Health Chairmen of the Bisbee area Clubs.

The Cochise women report that Cancer Control has been their main health theme this year. Their Health Chairman, Mrs. Lydia Allaire, writes that, "Mrs. Holmes, one of our members, gave a most unusual talk from personal experience on the radium treatment of cancer and the financial aid given to those who need it from the proceeds of our nationwide cancer fund." She also states, "On the whole our health program left our members with a better knowledge of one of the most dreaded words in the language of medicine, "Cancer," but with the encouraging news that so much is being done to combat it."

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Home Pasteurization of Milk Loan Kit

Two homemakers clubs and two outside groups studied this kit during the year. These were Sulphur Springs and Stewart Homemakers, Willcox Veterans Class, and Willcox High School Agriculture Class. In each case the film was shown on "Brucellosis" and then a general discussion was held on the effects of Undulant fever on a human. At Stewart, Mrs. Vera Long, Health Chairman, demonstrated how to pasteurize milk at home. After the milk had cooled she asked the women to taste it to see if they could detect a difference. There was none.

One woman who attended the meeting has been in ill health for some time. She reports that they had a family cow that had to be sold last year because she was a reactive animal. Since seeing the film and hearing the talk she is no longer bitter about losing the cow and wonders now if her illness may be undulant fever.

Diabetes Loan Kit

Three clubs report studying this kit. These are Stewart, Silver Creek and Westside Club. The women at Stewart were not too interested in the kit and did not follow up at all. The other two groups were very interested and each woman present made her own urine analysis. The Westside women sent their report to Miss Reva Lincoln, Extension Nutrition Specialist. The Silver Creek women sent their results to me and they were very happy to find that all eleven of them were negative.

Others

Seven clubs report having special health programs at a regular meeting. Silver Creek reports that Mrs. McElligott, Douglas, talked to them on Health and Diseases. The subjects of the other meetings were not reported.

Safety

Farm Safety and Fire Prevention month was highlighted in the January 30th County Letter. The Agent listed a few items to check to prevent fires and accidents.

April was highlighted in the County Letter as being Clean-Up month. The women were encouraged to clean up the back porches and lawns.

July 23 - 29 was highlighted in the Letter as being National Farm Safety Week with a word of caution to the homemaker.

October 8 - 14 was also highlighted in the Letter as being National Fire Prevention Week.

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Health and Safety

Community	Ten Minute Reports Every Mo.	Home Past- eurization of Milk Kit	Cancer Control Film	Heart Disease	Diabetes Loan Kit		Other Health Programs Att.
					Att.	Tests Made	
Cochise	Every Mo.		43				
Sulphur Springs		7	At Cochise Meeting				
Stewart		17	17		20		
San Simon							9
Webb Mothers Club	Occasion- ally		At Elfrida Meeting				
McNeal Ladies Aid			At McNeal Meeting				
Frontier			n				
El Paso Gas Station	Occasion- ally		Talk by M. Hailey				
Double Adobe			At McNeal Meeting		12		12
Junior Webb Club			At Elfrida Meeting				
Valley Womens Club	Occasion- ally		At Elfrida Meeting				
Silver Creek	Every Month			Talk by McElligott Att. 10	11	11	
Westside Club					15	12	14
Bisbee Junction							8
Rucker							5
Apache							24
Other Groups		60					
Total Attendance		84	158	10	46		72

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CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Use of Sewing Machine Attachments

Two months were devoted to the lesson on Use of Sewing Machine Attachments. The Specialist and the Agent spent two days in preparing for this lesson and conducting one Leader Training Meeting. The Agent presented the second Leader Training Meeting. Thirteen Clubs were present at these meetings.

Those present at Douglas were Mrs. Thelma Flannary and Mrs. Ethel Bearmore of Bisbee Divide; Rosemary Spix of Double Adobe and McNeal Ladies Aid; and Miss Lula Peters of McNeal Ladies Aid; Mrs. Jessie Hewlett of Rucker, Mrs. Alice Currier and Mrs. Dorothy Radonovich of Frontier; Mrs. B. L. Olson, Mrs. Oscar Bloomquist and Mrs. Ed Young of Silver Creek, Mrs. Oscar Tyra and Mrs. Bert Rhodes of Westside Club; Mrs. Harold Stark of Webb Mothers Club, Mrs. Doris Davis, a 4-H Club leader at Lowell, and two guests, Mrs. Helen Perrin and Mrs. C. O. Rice of Douglas.

Those present at the Willcox meeting were Mrs. Ted Busenbark and Mrs. Mary Anderson of Sulphur Springs; Mrs. Marie Frakes and Mrs. Mable Graham of Cochise; Mrs. Beulah McKee of San Simon; Mrs. Millie Ellis, Mrs. Hazel Wilson and Mrs. Lois Neal of Stewart; Mrs. Maries Schroeter and Mrs. Maurine Barrett of El Paso Gas Station; Mrs. Mary Lawson, a 4-H Club leader of Willcox, and one guest, Mrs. Mary Dabney of Willcox.

These training meetings were conducted as follows:

1. Adjust sewing machine - tension, pressure bar and height of feed dog.
2. Check attachments in box
 - a. See if they are bent or apart
 - b. Identify each
3. Start with Simple Attachments
 - a. Seam gage
 - b. Bias tape cutting gage
 - c. Shirt tail hemmer
 - d. Adjustable hemmer
4. Stop and let women try out these
5. Show other attachments - stopping after each for women to try them
 - a. Shirrer
 - b. Gatherer
 - c. Tucker
 - d. Quilter
 - e. Darner
6. Show pictures where these can be used effectively
7. Identify everything in box
8. Plan meetings with leaders so they can give this to their clubs
9. Discuss briefly other attachments not demonstrated, as zig Zagger, button holer, etc.

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The Agent was requested to give this demonstration at the Bisbee Y.W.C.A., Pomerene Relief Society and St. David Relief Society. The attendance was good and the women were very pleased with the information.

The Valley women's Club Clothing Leaders missed the Leader Training Meeting so they attended a demonstration given by the McNeal Ladies Aid leaders, and took the lesson back to their club. The Bisbee Junction and South Bisbee leaders also missed this Leader Training Meeting and they attended the demonstration given by the Agent at the Bisbee Y.W.C.A. Two women from the Whitewater Relief Society attended the lesson given by the Webb Mothers Club leader and then took it back to their group. Therefore, this lesson was given to twenty groups.

Mrs. Ebsen of San Simon called the Agent and said that she had been ready to sell her sewing machine attachments until the Clothing Leader showed her how to use them. Now she says she will keep them and really sew.

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Sewing Machine Attachments

Totals	Others Shown by Homemakers	Cochise	Sulphur Springs	Stewart	San Simon	Webb Mothers Club	McNeal Ladies Aid	Frontier	El Paso Gas Station	Double Adobe	Valley Womens Club	Silver Creek	Bisbee Divide	Westside Club	Rucker	Pomerene	Bisbee Y.W.C.A.	St. David Relief	
312		(33)	(18)	(51)	(24)	4	9	(25)	(20)	(19)	15	(27)	(22)	(38)	7				Attendance at meetings conducted by Leaders
66																17	29	20	Attendance at meetings Agent presented
47		8						5	13			9	12						Women Reporting

How Many Have Used Following

[illegible]

New Attachments Purchased

[illegible]

Cooperative Extension Work
in
Agriculture and Home Economics
State of Arizona

University of Arizona
College of Agriculture
U. S. Department of Agriculture
and Cochise County Cooperating

Willcox

Agricultural Extension Service
Home Demonstration Work
County Agent Work

November 8, 1950

Dear Clothing Leader:

The leader training meetings have been set for the second part of our Clothing Accessories lesson. These are to be held on the following dates:

November 14 - McNeal Community Center	10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
November 15 - Douglas YWCA, 341 10th St.	10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
November 16 - Willcox Vet's Club	10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

At least two clothing leaders from each homemaker's Club and any other organization interested in this work may attend these meetings. So as to divide up the attendance equally, I would like to suggest that leaders from the Apache-Rodeo group, the Douglas clubs and the Bisbee clubs attend the training meeting in Douglas. All the clothing leaders in the valley below Pearce should attend the McNeal meeting. This will leave San Simon, Benson, Cochise and other groups around Willcox for the Willcox meeting.

Leather will be on hand and may be purchased for work to be done at these leader training meetings. One leader from each club will be expected to construct a purse at the meeting with the other leader assisting her. Each leader will need the following equipment: scissors, needle, thread, thimble, pins, and patterns for handbags if you have them. We will need at least two sewing machines so if you have a portable, please bring it.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of these meetings,
I remain

Sincerely,

Mae Baldrige

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Clothing Accessories

Two months at the end of the year were devoted to Clothing. This lesson was called Clothing Accessories. Miss Helen Church, Extension Clothing Specialist, spent one day with the Agent in preparing the first lesson on this subject. This demonstration was given to seventeen club groups. The following outline was used.

1. General Discussion of Accessories
 - a. Role they play
 - b. Selection of quality
 - c. Choosing bright spots to costumes
2. Selecting Accessories
 - a. Jewelry
 - b. Gloves
 - c. Handbags
 - d. Shoes
 - e. Hose -
 1. What is meant by gage and denier
 2. Two types of mesh hose
 - f. Hats -
 1. Fitting hats to the face
 2. Fitting hats to the person
 - g. Necklines
3. Pass illustrations of above points
4. Show collars for various necklines
5. Show cloth purses
6. Women copy purse and collar patterns
7. What goes with what - Use accessories brought by Agent and women
 - a. Street dress, tailored
 - b. Suit
 - c. Afternoon dress

By having the "What Goes With What" at the end, it served as a summary to the rest of the demonstration. Dresses were borrowed from the Phelps Dodge Stores in Douglas and Bisbee, J. C. Penney in Douglas and the Style Shop and the Commercial Co. in Willcox.

One woman remarked that she did not think she was going to be interested in this demonstration but thought it proved to be very informative and she got a lot out of it. Another woman said she wouldn't have missed it for anything.

The Rucker Club reports that they have made some cloth purses from the patterns they copied in this kit.

For the second part of this lesson it was decided to have Leader Training meetings and teach the women to make an accessory. Check sheets were sent to all the clothing leaders and out of 18, six clubs sent them back as requested. Of these, purses headed the list as being the one accessory they wanted most to know how to make. Gloves were second, and belts were third.

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The Clothing Specialist, and the Agent spent three and one-half days in November in preparing for and presented three Leader Training Meetings. These were at McNeal, Douglas and Willcox. Eighteen groups were represented, sixteen Homemakers Clubs, Pomerene Relief Society and Douglas Y.W.C.A. Only three Homemakers Clubs were not represented at these meetings and they were Junior Webb, Webb Mothers Club and Bisbee Junction.

The Leader Training Meetings were mainly work meetings, and the following outline was used.

1. Introduction
 - a. Follow up of first lesson
 - b. Purse making was highest vote
2. Media for making purses
 - a. Leather, plastic, cloth, felt
 - b. Lining materials - buckram or tufsta interlining
 - c. Discuss supply houses for materials and hand out information sheets.
3. How to make a purse from plastic
 - a. Cutting
 - b. Stitching
 - c. Put in spring closing
4. Making a leather purse
 - a. Cutting leather
 - b. Punching holes
5. Care of leather purses
6. Display plastic and leather purses
7. Women divide work
 - a. One woman make a purse
 - b. One woman copy patterns and get information on other types of purses.
8. All women learn how to lace purses
9. Summary

Several of the clubs are planning special meetings to make purses before Christmas. Others have decided to wait until after the first of the year to have these work meetings.

The Stewart and Sulphur Springs Clubs started making plastic purses in the spring. A sister of Mrs. R. A. Davis, President of the Stewart Club, who lives in Coolidge, came to the Stewart meeting in February and taught them how to make these purses. She had this lesson there last year. Some of the Stewart women

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then taught the Sulphur Springs women this lesson. Approximately 40 plastic purses have been made as a result of this meeting. As a result, these women were not too interested in the Leader Training Meeting on making purses. They did seem interested, however, in the leather ones and learned how to lace them. The Stewart women are most interested in tooling leather and a special meeting is being scheduled for this.

Sewing Machine Clinics

Thirty-one sewing machines were cleaned and one readjusted at six Sewing Machine Clinics this year. These were held at Sulphur Springs, South Bisbee, Bisbee YWCA, Willcox Relief Society, and two at the St. David Relief Society.

The Clinic at South Bisbee was conducted by two members of the Club who had cleaned their machines last year at a clinic at the Bisbee Y.W.C.A. The Agent spent one afternoon with these women in reviewing the steps and answering all their questions. They reported later that "everything went back in place in fine shape and no nuts or screws were left over."

Mrs. Lawson of Willcox has borrowed the Agent's kit three times to clean machines. She bought a second hand machine and cleaned it and then helped two of her friends clean their machines.

Sewing Machine Clinics

Make of Machine	Long Bobbin	Round Bobbin	Number of Years the Woman Has Had Machine						
			1 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 25	25 - 30	30 & more
Singer, Standard	4	15	4	2	1	4	5		3
Kenmore		4	2		2				
Damascus, Grand		1					1		
Free Westinghouse		1			1				
White		2							2
Wilson		1		1					
Standard Rotary		1	1						
Rotary Davis	1								1
Totals	5	25	7	3	4	4	6	0	6

Of the 32 machines, 6 were reported as having been second hand when the woman purchased them. One machine was adjusted, only, since it had been cleaned last year. The Agent has no data on the make or age of two machines cleaned at South Bisbee.

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Apron Loan Kit

Seven Clubs report studying aprons this year. Six of these clubs borrowed the Loan Kit from the State Office. The seventh, Stewart, had the kit ordered but it did not arrive in time. The Agent loaned them her folder of assorted apron patterns and several members were called and ~~also~~ asked to bring patterns also.

Of the six clubs, only one sent in a report sheet on the use of the kit. This was from the Valley Womens Club. Their main comment was that some of the women were disappointed in there being no patterns for fancy aprons in the kit.

Other reports show that a total of 60 aprons have been made as a result of this project. Twenty-two of these were made and sent to the Arizona Children's Home in Tucson, by the Silver Creek Club.

Others

Sewing Short Cuts

Mrs. Mae Schmidt gave a Shortcuts demonstration to the Westside Club in October. This was mainly for the benefit of the new members who had joined the club since the last shortcuts demonstration was given. They report that they especially liked the new method for putting in zippers.

Stenciling

At least three clubs have held stenciling workshops this year. These are San Simon, Valley Womens Club, and South Bisbee. The San Simon and Stewart 4-H girls did stenciling as an activity, along with their project work.

Christmas Gift Ideas

Three Clubs had Christmas Gift ideas exhibits this fall. These were Westside Club, Rucker and Valley Womens Club. Many new ideas were exchanged as a result.

Last December the Agent gave a demonstration of Christmas Gift Ideas to a group of women at the Douglas Y.W.C.A. These women were especially interested in the crochet work and apron patterns. The Agent emphasized the making of gifts which would be appreciated as well as useful.

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"Planning a Dress Revue" was the topic the Agent was asked to talk on before the 6th and 7th grades at Willcox Grammar School. They were planning one and needed some pointers.

Ceramics and Other Crafts

Four of the clubs have done some craft work this past year. These are Bisbee Junction, Bisbee Divide, Silver Creek and Apache. The two Bisbee clubs did aluminum work. Bisbee Junction started it and then invited the Bisbee Divide ~~to~~ to join them. According to the Bisbee Divide report their women made nine aluminum trays.

No report has been received on the number of articles made as a result of the pottery meetings. Mrs. Vivian Martin conducted this work at Apache and Mrs. Fred Taylor had charge of the Silver Creek meeting. Apache also reports having done some china painting at one of their meetings.

Information Program

News

The Circular Letter highlighted the project work, telling a little about what to expect of each project. Two news articles were sent to all five of the county newspapers and two radio stations, announcing the January and November Leader Training meetings.

One circular letter highlighted pointers for preparing articles for the Domestic Arts Department of Fairs and a score card was given on judging household textiles.

Radio

Four broadcasts were devoted mainly to the clothing field. One was an interview with Miss Helen Church, Extension Specialist in Clothing, on the Use of Sewing Machine Attachments. The other three were talks by the Agent on "Mending (especially the Over-All Patch)," "Making a Wrist Pin Cushion," and "Buying Men's Suits." The bulletins on these subjects were used as reference material.

Bulletins either requested or taken from the office

- 19 Tailoring information
- 10 Mending
- 8 Pattern Alterations
- 17 Sewing Machine Cleaning
- 17 Sewing Machine Attachments
- 9 Short Cuts

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L-Meeting by Leaders

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Clothing and Textiles

Clubs	Sewing Machine Attach- ments Att.	Clothing Access- ories Att.	Leaders at Cloth- ing Acc- essories LTM	Sewing Machine Cleaning		Apron Loan Kit			Others	
				Att.	No.	Att.	Aprons made by Kit	Total	Att.	Articles made
Cochise	17-L 16-L	24	3							
Sulphur Springs	8-L 10-L	3	3	9	4				5 ①	5
Stewart	26-L 25-L	19	3			20		9	33 ②	36
San Simon	12-L 12-L	11	1			9	14	16	10	6
Webb Mothers Club	4-L	15				14	*	*		
McNeal Ladies Aid	9-L		4							
Frontier	11-L 14-L	11	2							
El Paso Gas Station	10-L 10-L	14	2							
Double Adobe	11-L 8-L	6	1							
Junior Webb Club		10								
Valley Womens Club	15-L 14-L	10	2			8	2	6	10 8	*
Silver Creek	13-L 12-L	12	2			9	*	22	14 ③	*
Bisbee Divide	10-L 20-L	11	2			10	*	7	15 6	9
Westside Club	18-L	23	2						17 ②	*
South Bisbee	L	20	3	12	4	10	*	*	8 ③	*
Bisbee Junction	L	6							15 6	*
Rucker	7-L	7	1						8 ④	*
Benson			2							
Apache Sew-What		24	3						30 23	*
Douglas Y.W.C.A.			2						27 ⑤	
Pomerene	17-A		3							
Bisbee Y.W.C.A.	29-A			12	8					
St. David Relief	20-A			13	7					
Whitewater Relief	L			9	5					
Willcox Relief Soc.				6	4					
Totals	977	226	41	61	32	80	16	60		

223 Total

- ① Plastic Purse
Making
② Stenciling
③ Aluminum Work
④ Ceramics
⑤ China Painting
⑥ Xmas Gift Idea
* No Report

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RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Recreation

Christmas Parties

Thirteen clubs held their regular Christmas programs in December. Each club has its own way of doing this. The Double Adobe Club filled bags with candy and nuts for the regular school party, besides having their own gift exchange. The Stewart women had a gift exchange with a real Santa, gathered canned food and gifts for the Arizona Children's Home, and had a program of music and readings. Four of the Clubs, San Simon, El Paso Gas Station, Webb Mothers, and Silver Creek, entertained their husbands with a special party at night.

Other Parties by Clubs

Nearly every club held some kind of a party during the year. Bisbee Divide had a husband's party, Valley Womens Club had an ice-cream party, Apache Sew-What had two picnics, and El Paso Gas Station had a picnic. Two showers were given. One was a bridal shower by the Webb Mothers Club for a former 4-H girl and one was a baby shower by San Simon Club for a former 4-H girl. The Stewart Homemakers held their annual community party in August, and 18 gallons of homemade ice-cream were served. Sulphur Springs Club had a Family Night with a potluck supper in July.

The Apache Sew-What Club decided to have an "old-Timers gab fest" for their October meeting. They invited all of the old-timers to attend their meeting to tell of things that happened when they first settled there. The Toles sisters are writing another book and wanted much of this material for it. They promised to get many of these historical events in writing so that they could be preserved. The day was not long enough to get all of this material so they planned to continue it at a later date.

The Webb Mothers Club had their annual Steak Fry on the first Sunday in October.

Community Activities

The McNeal Ladies Aid invited the Tombstone Women's Club to their regular monthly meeting in March. Then on March 22nd they held a club Roundup, inviting the Whitewater Relief Society, Webb Mothers Club, Valley Womens Club, Frontier Homemakers and Double Adobe Homemakers. After a potluck lunch, each club participated in the program. This was certainly a nice gesture and the McNeal Club is to be commended for starting something of this nature. It is hoped that this community type of meeting can be repeated.

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Arizona Children's Home

Several clubs have contributed to the Arizona Children's Home this year. The Silver Creek women report that they sent a box containing six bed quilts, one crib quilt, and 22 aprons to the Home, and 2 boxes of canned food. Bisbee Divide reports that they have sent them six quilts, one shirt, one pair overalls, two dresses, one pair pajamas, one wool jacket, and one girl's coat. Last Christmas the Frontier Club sent canned food and this fall they made stuffed toys to send. The Valley Women's Club sent \$16.50 and a box of clothing. Stewart sent a box of canned food and some Christmas gifts, and Cochise sent \$5.00.

The Home makes an annual appeal for money the first of December and three Homemakers Clubs' members are on the contact list. These women represent Stewart, Sulphur Springs, and Cochise. The contributions they collect are personal.

Care of Young Children at Meetings

The El Paso Gas Station women used the Loan Kit on Care of Young Children at meetings for their July program. The Agent gave them several copies of the following booklets to be used in connection with this lesson: Infant Care, Child From One to Six, Child From Six to Twelve, and Guiding Adolescence. One of the members reports that although the mothers feel a little more at ease about taking their children to the meetings, this lesson did not help their situation too much. Those without children did not seem to find where they could help out, as was hoped.

"The Neighbors" - One Act Play Kit

Two clubs used this kit this year, and were quite pleased with the play. These clubs were Cochise and El Paso Gas Station.

Hospital Project

The Willcox Valley Hospital sent out a request for help in refinishing and refurnishing the rooms. These requests were sent to all of the community clubs. This hospital was turned in for taxes in February and a group of businessmen took it over and have since incorporated it.

The Stewart Homemakers decided to assess each member a set amount of money to buy an electric roaster for the kitchen.

The Cochise Homemakers held an ice-cream social and a card and Bingo party to raise money for this project. They then took one room and connecting bath and re-decorated them.

The El Paso Gas Station women made and donated fifty tea towels to the Hospital.

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R. E. A.

The Apache Sew-What Club women have been wanting rural electrification for a long time. Some time ago they asked what they could do to help get electricity into their community. They were advised to contact the R.E.A. The Columbus, New Mexico R.E.A. office was contacted and Mr. Ford, the manager of this plant, attended the March meeting of the Sew-What Club. He explained the cost involved and the hurdles that have to be crossed before electricity can be brought in. He estimated that it would be 18 months before the people could expect electricity. This will bear watching and when it seems positive that they will have electricity, a series of demonstrations should be planned as to proper wiring, and care and use of electrical appliances.

Cemetery Clean-Up

McNeal Ladies Aid held their Annual Cemetery Clean-up in April. They contact everyone who has relatives buried in the Cemetery and ask them to help with this project. Those living great distances usually donate money to help in the work. The men do most of the heavy cleaning while the women prepare a beautiful noon meal for them.

The Cochise Women held two Cemetery Clean-up Days at their Community Cemetery. Since it had been left uncleared for many years, they had a big job. Husbands were called in to do some fence repairing.

Library Loan Kit

The Westside Club reports using the Library Loan Kit in May. Mrs. Ada Christiansen gave a talk on bookmobiles and the urgent need for this service in this county. Mrs. Pat Nowlin of this club has been very interested in this project and is encouraging other club women to help get a bookmobile in the county.

Other Community Activities

The following are reports from various clubs:

Cochise - donated \$5.00 each to Polio and Cancer Drives
El Paso Natural Gas Station group - (1) Voted to donate individual gifts to Veterans Hospital in Tucson, (2) Donated \$5.00 to Cancer Drive
Valley Womens Club - Donated \$10.00 to March of Dimes
Stewart - Donated \$5.00 each to Red Cross and Cancer Drive
San Simon - Donated \$5.00 to Cancer Drive
Double Adobe - Donated usual amount to Cancer Drive

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Bisbee Divide -

1. Donated \$5.00 worth of gifts and stuffed toys to Tucson Veterans Hospital Gift Shop
2. \$10.00 to the March of Dimes
3. \$10.00 to buy shoes for school age children of two needy families of Bisbee
4. Gave each club member a birthday present
5. Sent flowers and gifts to an ill member

Webb Mothers Club -

1. Helped sponsor a local girl to Girl's State
2. Assisted in community potluck supper and party for the benefit of the High School
3. Sponsored card and Bingo parties to raise funds for a Club House
4. Sponsored and helped organize a young married womens Club.

Home Beautification

Flower Arrangements

The Westside Club reports a very timely talk given by Mrs. Ada Christiansen on Flower Arrangements at their August meeting. They report that everyone arranged flowers after the demonstration.

Landscaping

Mr. Harvey F. Tate, Extension Horticulturist, was in the county one day in February and he accompanied the Agent to check on the progress of the three landscaping projects. Mrs. Glasscock was most interested in her rose bushes. Mr. Tate suggested the removal of one tree along the front fence for two were growing too close together.

The McLaughlins were most interested in how to get rid of the rabbits. They had eaten nearly every green plant in the yard and were ruining the trees and rose bushes. Mrs. McLaughlin was also interested in roses and the varieties to set out in this area.

Mrs. McBride was most interested in the type of hedge to use at the back of the house. She also wanted to know what trees to plant and where they should be located.

Mr. Tate demonstrated to each of these people how to prune their roses, grape vines and shrubs.

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OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Organization

The time spent with each club this year in planning programs was well spent. If possible, this should be done again. Especially with the slower clubs who do not seem to have strong leadership, and with the new clubs.

When the spring Council meeting is held, it is hoped that more project leaders will be present. At the project leaders meeting the annual report should be used to show how they can help make it a more complete picture of the county activities. Although they were all contacted by letter this year at the time their reports were due a little under half of them responded. Some of these responses were not concise enough to be used in the report. It is hoped that in most cases the same project leaders will carry their work again this year. Only in a repetition of the work can they more fully understand the responsibility of it. It should be recommended that only one project leader be replaced at a time. In this way the one remaining will know what is expected of them and can pass on this information to the new leader.

As was recommended in the report earlier, the Council needs to establish a set number of votes for each club so that each club will have an equal voting power.

All of the recommendations of the new Council officers should be reviewed at the next Council meeting with reports from the clubs of their progress on each.

It is also recommended that the system used for program planning be used again this year at the fall Council meeting. By eliminating the sifting committee meeting which is held later and asking the whole group to vote upon the projects to be considered at the Council meeting they feel that their efforts have been important, and are being recognized. Once in awhile another project would come up at the meeting of the sifting committee that would change the Council's choice entirely. This new system will eliminate that possibility.

It is hoped that a good recreation program can be planned for the next County picnic. Perhaps each club can be asked to present a skit and one game. This picnic should be continued as long as the interest continues.

The Certificate of Achievement should be emphasized and more clubs be encouraged to try for it this next year.

B. Food Preparation

A lesson including dishes to be prepared at the meeting should be included this year. The women respond very well to this type of lesson. It gets them out and all working better than any other type of lesson.

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C. Food Preservation

Since so many home freezers have been bought the past year it would seem that there should be another school on Freezing. However, this can best be determined by the amount of requests that come to the Agent for assistance. Canning techniques could be reviewed but it does not seem that much time should be spent on this subject. Pressure Canner gages should be tested as requested. A request has come to the Agent to test these in Bowie. Perhaps a special clinic can be held to take care of this request.

D. Clothing and Textiles

From the requests at the program planning part of the fall Council meeting, Clothing will be an important part of this next year's program. Tailoring schools should be held in communities where the women desire this information. There will need to be at least four of these schools in the county according to the requests to date.

There are still more requests for sewing machine clinics. Perhaps three or four will take care of this demand.

E. Home Furnishings and Management

Definite wood refinishing work meetings should be set up this year. The women were a little disappointed in not getting to have these this year. The women have not been willing to do this work themselves so they should be helped as much as possible.

Upholstery workshops need to be set up again this year.

F. County Fair

Judging being started a half day ahead of the opening of the Fair helped give the Department Chairmen more time to arrange things after they were judged. This should be encouraged. This does inconvenience women who live at long distances but they have seemed to work it out quite well.

The clubs took turns this year in looking after the club exhibits and this was very satisfactory. This system should be encouraged again. Plans can be made at the fall Council meeting. The women will want to also decide upon the nature of exhibits, whether they are competitive, or as they were this year with the fair money divided evenly among them. The Agent feels that this latter arrangement is the most satisfactory.

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G. Community Needs

The women at Frontier and Webb Mothers Club are still trying to get a community building for their use. The Webb Mothers Club has raised quite a bit of money toward this and may be able to realize their dream this year.

The young group of women at Elfrida need more help in child care and training and it is hoped that the Agent can help them plan this into their program this year.